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# AUSTRALIA PILES UP RUNS

## English XI Faces Formidable Task

### RECORD OF CENTURIES IN LAST TEST ENGAGEMENT

AUSTRALIA HAD STILL ONE WICKET TO FALL WHEN STUMPS WERE DRAWN IN THE FINAL TEST MATCH AT MELBOURNE THIS EVENING, THE SCORE BEING 593 FOR 9 WICKETS.

The match started sensationally this morning when, with only four runs added to the overnight score, Bradman, the Australian skipper, was bowled by Farnes for 169. Badcock was then joined by Gregory, and these two defied the English bowling.

At the lunch interval, Australia's score was 399 for 4, Badcock being 40 and Gregory 25. The pair continued to add runs and when the score had reached 430, Badcock had compiled 60 and his partner 34.

At the tea interval, the Australians had compiled the imposing score of 530 for 5. Badcock was out after scoring 118, with Gregory undefeated for 76.

70,000 PRESENT

Melbourne, Feb. 27.  
A crowd of 70,000 gathered for the resumption of the fifth and final Test match here this morning. The weather was sunny but cool, while the wicket was most docile.

An early disaster befell Australia when Don Bradman lost his wicket after adding only four runs to his overnight score of 169. The first ball of Farnes' second over shot through like lightning and took the Australian skipper's leg stump. Bradman had played back to the ball.

Bradman had been at the wickets for 22 minutes and his score included 15 fours. The score was now 346 for 4, and at this stage Badcock, who had partnered Bradman, had not added anything to his overnight total of 12.

Gregory then joined Badcock and with the score 359 for 4 the former has scored 19 and Badcock 6. This pair remained unseparated when the lunch interval was taken, the score then being 399 for 4.

#### BADCOCK BRILLIANT

Badcock was not troubled with the bowling during the morning. He gave a brilliant display of stroke play.

Gregory, on the other hand, was very subdued. The partnership yielded 50 runs in an hour.

At the lunch interval, Badcock was 40 and Gregory, both not out.

After lunch, Badcock and Gregory continued to defy the bowling and when they had taken the score to 430, the former had made 60 and his partner 34.

#### REACHES CENTURY

Badcock reached his century, and when he had added a further 18 runs he was out. The tea score was 530 for 5 wickets. Gregory being 76 not out.

Early in the afternoon, the crowd had grown to 80,000 probably a record for the ground.

The 500 was signalled after 457 minutes' play. Badcock was batting very confidently and on one over from Worthington he scored 17 runs. He reached his century in 115 minutes. His batting was stylish, and he made free use of his wrists to score with several well-timed cuts.

Gregory played a much quieter game, taking 135 minutes to score his half-century. The partnership added 150 in 151 minutes.

#### WORTHINGTON EXPENSIVE

Voco replaced Worthington when the score was 507. In four overs 39 runs were scored off Worthington. Voco's first ball produced immediate results. Badcock cut it straight to Worthington at backward point, and the fielder held a sure catch.

With Badcock dismissed, the score stood at 597 for 5 wickets. Badcock scored 118 in 205 minutes, and hit 15 boundaries.

Gregory, now commenced pulling with freedom, his batting being marked by fine judgment and pounce.

At the tea interval the score was 530 for 5. Gregory was 76 not out and Oldfield, the veteran wicket-keeper, 2 not out.

When stumps were drawn, Australia were 593 for 9. —Reuter.

## SHIPPING DISRUPTED BY SUDDEN HEAVY MIST

### COLDER WEATHER TO-MORROW?

A thick blanket of mist, descending suddenly over Hongkong shortly after 2 p.m. to-day, completely disorganised shipping in the harbour.

Several steamers, scheduled to leave at noon, were forced to postpone their departure. One or two crept slowly down the harbour, but were forced to anchor at Kowloon Bay, the Lyceum entrance being completely obliterated by the fog.

An official at Lyceum said to the "Telegraph": "Visibility here is less than 15 feet and the entrance to the harbour is invisible. The mist descended suddenly at 12.45 p.m., and appears to be getting worse."

The Officer on Duty at the Wagon Lighthouse said by cable-telephone: "A heavy mist suddenly descended here at 2 p.m. It seems to be getting worse, and I doubt if shipping will be able to find the entrance to Hongkong until it lifts. As far as we can see here there are no ships moving."

The mist, which is apparently general along the coast, is a result of a new anti-cyclone developing over North China. Cool north-easterly winds, mixing with the warmer atmosphere in Hongkong, are responsible for the fog.

One of the aftermaths will probably be much colder weather for Hongkong within 48 hours.

Several ships have had their schedules disorganised by fog and mist which has reached from Hainan Island to Shanghai.

## LOCAL CRICKET League Match Tea Scores

Tea scores in local League cricket matches are as follows:

#### FIRST DIVISION

Hongkong C.C. v. K.C.C.—  
Hongkong C.C. 151 for 8. (Owen Hughes 50 not out).

Craigengower v. Civil Service—  
Craigengower all out, 151.

#### SECOND DIVISION

Central British School v. Civil Service—Civil Service all out, 61.

I.R.C. v. Queen's College—  
I.R.C. 216 for 9, declared. (S. Curran 84).

## OVIEDO BATTLE RAGING LOYALIST LINES STRENGTHENED CRISIS SOON AT HAND

London, Feb. 27.  
The situation in and around Madrid remains stationary but the Government is using the lull to strengthen the lines defending the Valencia road.

The reorganisation of the anti-Fascist forces as "the Arm of the People" is proceeding apace in Valencia and Barcelona, where a Catalan committee has been issued expressing the Cabinet's confidence in co-ordinating its efforts with those of the Government of the republic in order to organise as rapidly as possible a regular army under a single command.

Northern Spanish despatches state that the battle for Oviedo continues, the Government troops closing in steadily on several fronts. They have captured a section of the arms factory on the outskirts of the city, which was stoutly defended.

An Avila message estimates that casualties on both sides at Oviedo have thus far totalled 12,000.

At Valencia, Senor Largo Caballero, referring to the international plan to supervise Spanish ports, stated: "I consider that very soon we will be experiencing the most delicate moment of the war which will oblige us to make decisive resolves, but I shall not remain at the head of republican Spain if we don't take a firm decision." —Reuter.

## REBELS BOMB GANDIA SEVEN KILLED IN CITY STREETS

### FRENCH SHIPS HUNT MINES

Valencia, Feb. 27.  
Rebel airplanes apparently from Majorca, dropped nine bombs in the heart of Gandia to-day, killing two men, three women and two children, and wounding 50.

They scored direct hits on a residence, a wharf, the railroad station, tracks and trucks.

Later they poured machine-gun bullets into the streets. —United Press.

HUNTING FOR MINES  
Port Vendres, Feb. 27.  
French naval trawlers and aircraft are searching the Mediterranean and Atlantic ship lanes for floating mines, following the explosion of a mine which almost sank the Lignodovery Castle.

It has been reported that a sailing boat has been close to collision with three mines, believed to have been laid by Nationalists off the Catalanian and Biscayan coasts and which have broken from their moorings in recent storms. —United Press.

## FLOWERS FOR CHARITY



Pictured above is one of the daughters of the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Polls, together with a young assistant, selling flowers this morning on behalf of the Ministering League. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

## BIG CROWDS AT VALLEY THRILLING RACING FOR CLOSE OF MEET

Huge crowds assembled at Happy Valley this afternoon for the final day of the Race Meeting, when some excellent sport was witnessed. The weather was overcast, with occasional drizzle, but this in no way dampened the enthusiasm of turfites. The Pipe Band of the 1st Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders added to the gaiety of the scene.

In the opening event, Mr. H.M. Pih brought home Shipmaster to victory by a length from Radium, ridden by Mr. Y. T. Fung. Another Chinese jockey, Mr. F. C. Liang, got third place with Weedon Seat. The winner paid \$17, while Radium returned \$40 for a place.

The race for the second section of the Nil Desperandum Stakes produced a thrilling finish, Mr. T. L. Wong getting the verdict on Tempest by a head from Whaley, ridden by Mr. Hearne, with Prospero (Mr. Needa up) three lengths away in third position. Tze Tin was withdrawn from this event at the last moment.

Another keen finish was witnessed in the Griffin Spring Handicap, in which Mr. F. Marshall piloted King's Coronation to win by a neck from Rob Roy, ridden by Mr. Leighton. Centre Forward (Mr. D. S. Li up) was a length away in third place.

1.—The Nil Desperandum Stakes.— (First Section).—Winner \$800. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffin of this Club of this Meeting, that have started at least twice and have not won. One Mile.

Mr. Wong Sul-ngau's Shipmaster (161 lbs.) (Mr. H. M. Pih) 1  
" 4478 821.20  
" 4834 410.60  
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3440, 4715, 1075.  
Race No. 8  
No. 1023 \$3,103.80  
" 3998 886.80  
" 3005 443.40  
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 5447.

2.—The Nil Desperandum Stakes.— (Second Section).—Winner \$800. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffin of this Club of this Meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. One Mile.

## STOP PRESS

Happy Valley Spring Handicap.— 1, Soldier of Britain; 2, Rose-Queen; 3, Mistake Bay.  
Australasian Ponies Champions.— 1, Stralhyro; 2, Electron; 3, Gypsy Love.

Happy Valley Spring Handicap, "B" Division.—1, Harvest View; 2, King's Bounty and Tyne (dead heat).

Race No. 7  
No. 5446 \$2,674.20  
" 4478 821.20  
" 4834 410.60  
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3440, 4715, 1075.

Race No. 8  
No. 1023 \$3,103.80  
" 3998 886.80  
" 3005 443.40  
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 5447.

Race No. 9  
No. 376 \$5,737.20  
" 882 1,220.40  
" 6224 1,220.40  
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 3709, 593, 3820, 1640, 1004, 2659, 3309, 2280, 3013, 4335.

## ARTIFICIAL BOOM MIGHT MEAN CRASH

### H.K. and Shanghai Bank Chairman's Warning

#### REVIEW OF FAR EAST TRADE CONDITIONS

A comprehensive survey of financial, trade and political conditions, with special reference to the Far East, was made by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman of Directors, at the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation this morning.

Commenting on the international outlook, the Hon. Mr. Paterson issued a warning that there was an artificiality about the "boom" which, he said, is liable to disappear like a "pricked balloon" if steps are not quickly taken to put right certain basic economic factors.

Nevertheless, the speaker concluded on an optimistic note.

"The world is now emerging from its difficulties," he said. "Some countries have come through better than others, and the Far East has come through better than many parts. On the whole the outlook is reasonably bright, but it is not safe to prophesy what the future holds in store."

Although early in the year China's trade position did not warrant optimism, Mr. Paterson pointed out that a definite change had become apparent. The demand for Chinese produce remained steady and the effect of good crops—some of them bumper crops—made itself felt.

The speaker was pessimistic regarding the situation in Japan, and confessed to misgivings regarding the Japanese Budget. Trade and shipping, however, had considerably expanded.

The Chairman's Report disclosed that, after making full provision for losses and contingencies, the net profits for the year amounted to \$15,107,175.

Mr. Paterson voiced the regret of the Board of Directors at the impending departure of His Excellency the Governor.

The adoption of the Report was seconded by Mr. J. H. Taggart, who associated Shareholders with the Board of Directors' expressions of regret at Sir Andrew Caldecott's departure.

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## TO-DAY'S CASH SWEEPS

Below are winning numbers in the Cash Sweeps at to-day's Races:

Race No. 1  
No. 2064 \$1,583.40  
" 2013 432.40  
" 3047 226.20

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 891, 1720, 2080, 2051, 241, 1206, 2852, 1688, 2108, 1157, 3101.

Race No. 2  
No. 1707 \$1,822.80  
" 3913 528.80  
" 3932 260.40

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1587, 3828, 3024, 2497, 172, 3944, 2451, 47, 2007, 2221, 2023.

Race No. 3  
No. 1827 \$2,250.40  
" 3132 644.40  
" 1715 322.20

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3080, 4333, 3372, 3654, 2109, 4320, 2462.

The figures of our Balance Sheet have been taken at 1/2% against 1/3% the previous year, so a comparison between the two is easier than it has been sometimes in the past.

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Race No. 4  
No. 3169 \$2,345.00  
" 2017 670.00  
" 4576 339.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2243, 2926, 4159, 3804, 2630, 4040, 3250, 2977, 1845.

Race No. 5  
No. 475 \$2,696.40  
" 1801 770.40  
" 3727 162.80

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4918 192.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1703, 130.

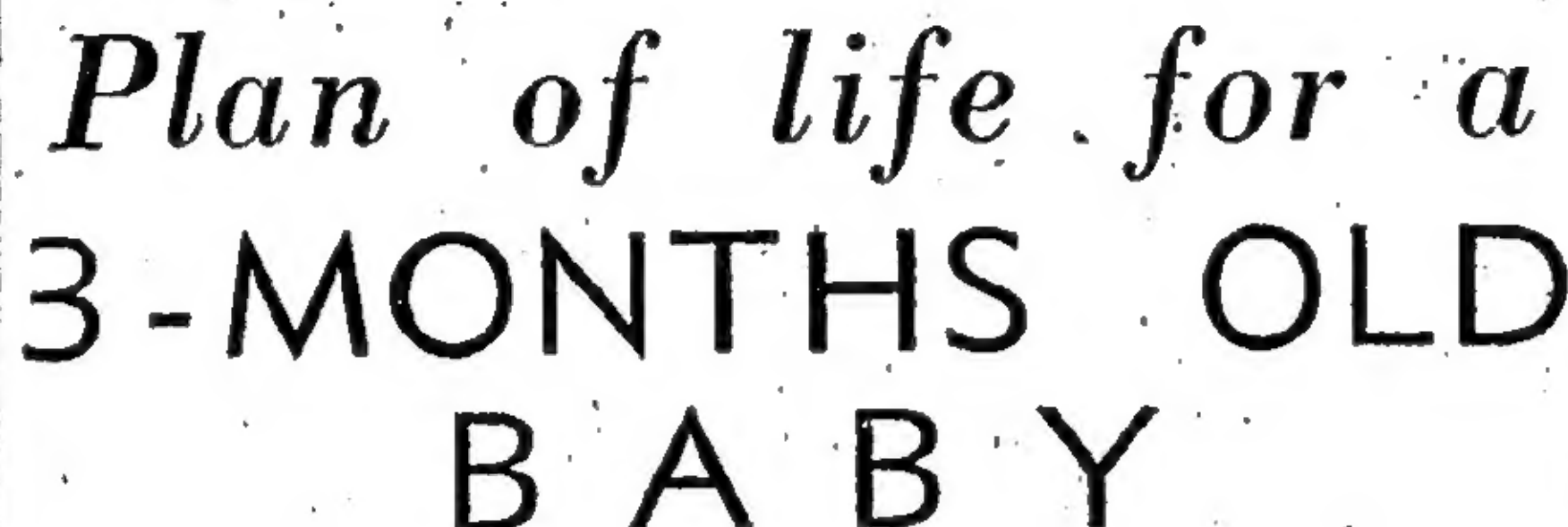
Race No. 6  
No. 2108 \$2,471.00  
" 5483 706.00  
" 1817 303.00

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2050, 473, 442, 6343, 1301, 2025, 1048, 1289, 638, 2941, 3059, 2578, 103.



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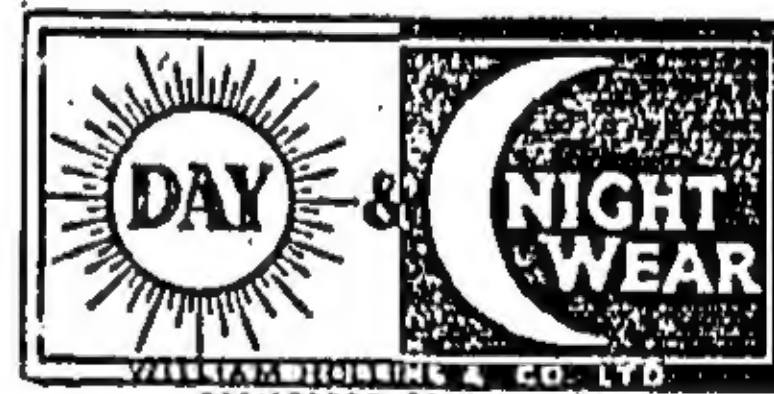


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## POLITICAL SCENE DOMINATED BY SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS

## China More Than Ever Determined To Stand Her Ground

"UNWARRANTED Interference" with the legitimate functions of the Chinese Customs Administration was mentioned by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson when proposing the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

"The Customs Administration has throughout the year been confronted with unprecedented difficulties in North China, and the integrity of the service has from time to time been seriously threatened," Mr. Paterson declared.

Relations between China and Japan dominated the political scene, he added, and the outstanding feature of the year was that China had maintained the status quo.

"In spite of difficult periods she has shown that she is more than ever determined to stand her ground," the Hon. Mr. Paterson said.

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Considering that part of the readjustment of 1935 had to take place during 1936, the difference in our figures is not so great as one might have expected and can roughly be stated to be as follows: On the liabilities side Notes and Current Accounts are up some \$8½ and \$80 millions respectively, while Fixed Deposits are down \$20 millions, and among our assets Investments and Loans show increases of \$39 and \$58 million each, as against a decline in Bills Receivable of \$20 millions.

## ARTIFICIAL BOOM

It is generally agreed that the trade depression which developed in 1929 has now moved away from the greater part of the world. In fact, that almost ill-omened word "boom" is again being used in regard to conditions in some countries, particularly in England and the United States. Nevertheless, there is a wide realization that the outlook is still obscure; that there is an artificiality about the boom; that it can be called such; that in most countries the word is applied with very little real basis; and that it is liable to disappear like a pricked balloon if steps are not quickly taken to put right certain basic economic factors which are known to be awry. But apart from economic factors there is also the political situation in Europe which gives rise to a feeling of alarm. Our Home Government are facing a very difficult task in struggling to preserve Europe from getting embroiled in a general conflict, and the many political and economic problems which they are facing are appalling in their complexity.

It is a relief that my task to-day is not to review the situation as it has existed in Europe during the past year. What I am called upon to do is to direct your minds to the countries in which we operate and particularly to China, where conditions have at any rate not been so depressingly tense as in Europe.

## THE YEAR IN CHINA

Let us start off with China. The year 1936 has in some ways been typical of recent years. It has again been one of changes, bright periods and periods of gloom, marchings and counter-marchings. Nevertheless, the bright moments have definitely had the best of it and, although there will almost certainly be bad patches from time to time, yet we feel fairly confident that, in due course, as the stability and authority of the Chinese Government become consolidated, the outlook will still further improve. It must not be forgotten how immense is the task of unifying and governing such a great country as China. It has often been pointed out that the proper comparison is between China and Europe rather than between China and a single country. This indicates that patience is needed and too much must not yet be expected.

Relations with Japan have again dominated the political scene, and the outstanding feature of the year is that China has maintained the status quo. In spite of difficult periods she has shown that she is more than ever determined to stand her ground. In North China, at any rate outwardly, there is little change to be seen. The Hopei-Chanhai Political Council remains under the control of General Sung Che-yuan, and the autonomous regime of Eastern Hopei still exists under Yin Jui-kong.

Negotiations, or at any rate, conversations, between the Chinese Foreign Office and the Japanese Ambassador, with a view to a fundamental readjustment of the relations between the two countries, have been proceeding in an intermittent way. The Chinese attitude has, if anything, stiffened up during the year, but there were occasions when compromise seemed possible. However, both sides were responsible for set-backs; there were unfortunate incidents involving death or injury

to Japanese on various occasions in different parts of China, and there were also set-backs caused by the attitude of the other side. Finally the seizure of Chang Kai-shek at Sian and the subsequent developments in Shensi so pre-occupied the Government that discussions were held up and the negotiations between the two countries remain for the moment in suspense.

## THE SIAN AFFAIR

The seizure of the Generalissimo at Sian on December 12th, which the Chinese now refer to as the Double Twelfth affair, came as a great shock to China, and although he was released within a fortnight, a tragedy was at one time feared. I believe that the Generalissimo has repudiated the title of Dictator. All the same his influence is felt everywhere in China, and either directly or indirectly his hand can be traced behind most of the progressive schemes of development which have been initiated during the last few years. He has done much for China, and his removal would be a serious blow to the progress recently made.

Prior to the Sian incident the country seemed to be reasonably quiet and the Central Government firmly installed, but since then there has again been uncertainty, though the Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee just concluded has we trust cleared the air.

## HONGKONG AND CANTON

I must before passing on mention the change which has taken place in the status of Kwangtung. Here in Hongkong we are particularly affected by the transfer of control, and it has been a matter of considerable interest and importance to us. We were glad to see how firmly and yet modestly the Generalissimo dealt with the situation prevailing last summer, and while we do not expect, and indeed do not want, very rapid changes—the situation is still too impetuous for that—we look forward to close collaboration between Hongkong and Canton in all inter-connected matters and trust that the good foundation laid by His Excellency Sir Andrew Caldecott, when he visited Canton last year, will be productive of benefit to both sides.

Your Board of Directors fully associate themselves with the many public expressions of regret at the transfer of Sir Andrew to Ceylon after so short a period as the Governor of this Colony. Our loss is their gain. We feel sure that his departure will win the confidence and esteem of Ceylon as quickly as he did of Hongkong.

## LOCAL CURRENCY

I will now turn to currency questions. In Hongkong we started the year with exchange at 1/3½, rising to 1/3, where it remained until the middle of May. By the middle of September the rate declined to 1/2½, but recovered to 1/2½ at the end of the year.

After a full year's trial we may say that our new currency has worked most satisfactorily, with a minimum of fluctuations, which has been a great help to merchants.

As you all know, China is no longer on a free silver currency standard. Her currency system may perhaps fairly be termed a managed foreign exchange standard, although her currency reserves are in fact partly in foreign exchange, partly in gold and partly in silver. But the connection with silver is a precarious one, in spite of the declaration of the Government on May 17 last that 25 per cent. of the reserve held against the note issue would be maintained in silver.

It is true that silver dollars, of the old type, still circulate as a medium of payment in some of the more distant parts of China, and fair quantities are certainly hoarded, but it is probable that in time



HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON  
(Photo: Kobza)

these will be melted down or come into the hands of the authorities.

In due course the Government is expected to issue silver tokens, but none of these have as yet been minted.

The arrangements with the United States made by the K. P. Chen Mission last summer, full particulars of which have not been revealed, provided, so far as is known, for the purchase by the United States of regular and substantial amounts of silver at the average monthly world prices, while China on her side agreed to enlarge the use of silver and maintain an independent currency system unlinked to any foreign monetary unit. Thus it will be seen that silver has not yet been entirely cast off, though its future influence in China seems likely to be small.

The foreign banks, with the exception of the Japanese, handed over all their silver against legal tender notes early in the year, but no information is available as to the actual stocks now held by the Chinese Government. Considerable amounts have, of course, been disposed of. The legal tender note issue at the end of the year was about \$1,100,000,000, which excludes the issues of the commercial banks, whose notes have not yet been entirely recalled, and of the Farmers' Bank, the position of which is somewhat obscure. According to the reports of the Currency Reserve Board, fully 60 per cent. cover against the notes of the Government Banks is held in "cash," which term includes foreign currencies. These legal tender notes are now current in every province throughout China in varying degrees of popularity and they are steadily replacing other forms of currency.

## REFORMS JUSTIFIED

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross has stated that the Chinese Monetary reforms have been justified by their results. Everyone will agree that so far there has been no hitch, but rather there has been every sign of skilful management by the Central Bank. Occasional political scares have caused speculative manipulations, but the official rate has nevertheless been maintained without wavering, and the resources at the disposal of the Government Banks have proved adequate. During the whole of 1936 the rates in Shanghai for the pound have remained between 1/2½ and 1/2, a difference of only 1/16, while the U.S. Dollar rate has ranged from 20½ to 20¼. The difference can be traced in part to fluctuations in the London/New York cross rate. I will deal with the trade figures later on, but it is obvious that the lowered rate of exchange has encouraged exports, and although imports have been adversely affected, nevertheless the steadyness of exchange has to some extent offset this disadvantage. It cannot do better than quote Sir Frederick Leith-Ross' opinion of last June when he said:

"All things considered there would appear to be every reason so far as economic factors are concerned for confidence in the present currency scheme, provided that the Chinese Government complete and carry through efficiently the programme of internal reforms including especially the reorganization of the Central Bank and the reform of the budget."

There was much more in Sir Frederick's admirable statement which still applies with great force. He referred to the necessity of the unification of the currency on internal stability and to a settlement of the special situation in North China which has been, and still is, a potential danger to the Customs Revenue.

We understand that the Government is taking in hand the essential measures of reform which were in fact promised by Dr. H. H. Kung on November 3, 1935, and while progress may seem to be slow, it is realised that governments have many difficulties which are unknown to those outside the inner circle. We trust, however, that it will not be long before some announcement will be made of the action taken. Managed currencies are liable to be a serious danger to merchants and bankers if the "management" is not founded on a firm and solid basis, such as is implied when there is an independent Central Reserve Bank

and a well-regulated budgetary system.

## PLAYTHING OF POLITICS

Without such a basis, "management," like monopolies, tends to become the plaything of politics, instead of following natural values. Moreover, one kind of "management" leads to another. It becomes a kind of whirlpool drawing into its control industries, imports, exports and so on until rigid state control reigns supreme.

We, of course, realise that there are few countries with a completely independent Central Bank system and that, consequently, politics often play a permanent part in currency matters. For this reason it will be obvious to you that very great importance attaches to the actual terms of the new Central Reserve Bank Act, which will be keenly scrutinized by all who are interested in China's currency & finance.

If conditions in China keep up the steady improvement which has been made recently, and if unification of the country is maintained, and internal strife is avoided, perhaps China will be more willing to allow free play to the natural forces of supply and demand. The signs of recovery are clearly apparent and the excellent crops throughout the country have been a great boon, coming as they did at a time when exchange had just been fixed at a reasonably low level, and when the demand for China produce was improving abroad. As a few instances, we may mention the improvement in Chinese commodity prices, the rise in yarn, the demand for piece goods which has resulted in the re-opening of closed cotton-mills, and encouraging progress reported by utility companies.

Shanghai, however, still faced with serious handicap to entire recovery in the deadlock that exists in regard to its mortgage and real estate problem, with which is bound up the question of the right of landlord vis-à-vis tenant. There are anomalies in the laws governing these matters which require to be straightened out. Chinese property owners are just as much affected as foreigners and we trust that the Legislative Authorities will deal with these points shortly, as we believe they are being urged to do.

## CHINA'S FOREIGN DEBTS

Early last year an Internal Debt Consolidation scheme was presented to and accepted by bondholders, whereby the interest rate on domestic bonds was reduced to 6 per cent. and amortisation schedules were considerably extended. About the same time a Recovery Loan of \$30,000,000 was placed with the Government Bank. Since then the Government have had no recourse to the domestic bond market but have covered their requirements by other means. There have, however, been a number of provincial and Railway bond issues, some of which have been secured on revenues of the Central Government.

Excellent progress has been made throughout the year in the settlement of foreign debts in arrears. Apart from the steps taken to clear off numerous commercial debts due by Government departments, the initiative taken by the Governor of the Bank of England in forming a Chinese Railway Bondholders' Committee in London has proved to be of great value and assistance.

As a result of negotiations initiated by the Ministers of Finance and Railways, terms of readjustment of the P. R. Loans, the Honan Railway Loan, the Lunghai Railway Loan, and the Canton-Kowloon Railway Loan have been recommended by the Committee for the acceptance of British Bondholders. These offers have in every case been well received in London as being the best obtainable under the circumstances, and the settlement of the Hukwang Railway Loan has been complicated by the international nature of the flotation, but an announcement may be expected in the future. A settlement of the Vickers-Mareconi debt has also been negotiated by another Committee and at the present moment it seems that all Chinese loans floated in London, excepting the Hukwang, have been readjusted as satisfactorily as can be expected. In the first few years the resultant charges on the Ministries of Finance and Railways are quite small, and this gives time for the Government to complete their plans for the rehabilitation of the finance of the country, which we see no reason to doubt can be done if political stability is assured.

## SMUGGLING EVIL

Improved returns have been reported by the Salt and Internal Revenue Administrations, while the increase of \$9 millions in the Customs Revenue for 1936 came as a considerable surprise in view of the smuggling in North China which was known to have seriously affected the collections in Tientsin and the Northern ports. The Customs authorities have on the whole successfully prevented the transportation of smuggled goods into the district, but in the East Hopei district there has been practically no easing of the situation except as and when the saturation of supplies has caused a temporary slow-down in the smugglers' activities.

Whatever measures the Customs take can only be palliatives, and no real solution will be possible until the political status of the East Hopei Autonomous area is settled by diplomatic negotiations.



MR. V. M. GRAYBURN

It is recognised that the Customs Administration have throughout the year been confronted with unprecedented difficulties in North China, and the integrity of the service has from time to time been seriously threatened.

## UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE

But by the exercise of great resolution, coupled with tact, Sir Frederick Maze has succeeded in maintaining the authority of the Customs inspectors in the midst of much political confusion and unwarranted interference with its legitimate functions. The Customs Service have a fine record and again and again have they remained practically the only outward and visible sign of the prestige and sovereignty of the Central Government in regions where otherwise independent regimes existed. This record has considerable significance from a financial standpoint and has contributed very largely to the confidence placed abroad in loans secured on the Chinese Maritime Customs.

The last published financial report of the Chinese Government related to the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1935. The deficit for that year was \$190 millions. As regards the year 1935-36, an official statement was declared that the deficit was larger than the previous year, nevertheless the budget for the year 1936-37 only provided for \$125 millions as proceeds from loans. Without official figures it is impossible to say more, but the recent improvement in the purchasing power of the people should have a favourable effect on revenue receipts, both of the Internal Revenue Administration and the Customs, through an increased demand for internal consumption goods, as well as for imports.

References have in past years been made by my predecessors to the great progress in the development of communications in China. The cumulative effect of these developments is now making itself felt, and the country is being opened up in a remarkable way. It is now possible to cross China by railway, by motor or by air. It is possible to telephone or radiophone direct from here to Shanghai and from Shanghai to Japan, Nanking, Hankow or any one of nine adjacent provinces. Radio broadcasting stations are almost everywhere in their number, but their influence is being widely felt, for instance, in the broadcasting of market prices to up-country farmers which are thus less and less under the thumb of the middleman.

## RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

From the Bank's point of view the progress in railway construction is of special interest. Since the present Minister of Railways took office in December 1935, many very important and extensive projects have been put under way. His ambition is to complete (Continued on Page 5.)

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NEW YORK  
MARKET  
STRONGERUNCERTAINTY OVER  
UTILITIESNew York, Feb. 26.  
Despite continued caution, the  
entire list was higher on the New  
York Stock Exchange to-day.Mercantile issues strengthened on  
trade reports and others were  
heightened by the further advance in  
steel scrap prices, improved carload-  
ings, and also increased automobile  
production and wholesale and retail  
trade improvements.The unfavourable influences were  
the continued labour difficulties, dull  
and nervous commodity exchanges  
and uncertainty over utilities.The Bond market was irregularly  
higher, with U.S. Government issues  
lower, while issues on the Curb  
Exchange were irregular.

Dow-Jones Averages	
Feb. 25	Feb. 26
Industrials	186.08 187.17 Up .49
Trails	57.43 57.81 Up .38
Utilities	34.06 34.02 Off .04
Bonds	103.96 104.00 Up .04
Volume	1,780,000 shares.

Fast Trains  
For London  
Glasgow RunLONGEST NON-STOP  
SERVICELondon, Feb. 26.  
New high-speed express train ser-  
vices between London and Glasgow  
are shortly to be introduced by the  
London and Midland Railway.The journey to Scotland, covering  
401½ miles, will be performed in  
six and a half hours. The only stop-  
ping place will be Carlisle.The journey will be the longest  
non-stop run in the world. The en-  
gines employed will be of the stream-  
lined type.—*Reuter.*RETIREMENT OF  
JUDGESWashington, Feb. 26.  
The Senate has passed the Bill  
permitting judges of the Supreme  
Court to retire voluntarily on full  
pay at the age of 70 years.The action came shortly after  
President Roosevelt's announcement  
at a press conference that he would  
address the nation in a radio talk on  
March 9. The address is expected to  
contain fervent support for the  
Court plan, pointing out that the  
alternative is a constitutional amend-  
ment which would introduce dan-  
gerous delay.—*Reuter.*AIRSHIP  
SERVICE  
TO EASTFORESHADOWED BY  
ZEPPELIN EXPERTBerlin, Feb. 26.  
The opening of airship traffic from  
Europe to India and the Far East  
is foreshadowed by Captain Leh-  
mann, the trans-Atlantic airship  
commander.Captain Lehmann says the  
technical and economic conditions for  
such flights can be satisfactorily met.  
By 1939, Germany will have four  
modern airships, and higher speeds,  
greater comfort and cheaper fares  
can be expected.—*Reuter Special.*Pope Pius  
Continues  
To ImproveVatican City, Feb. 26.  
His Holiness the Pope to-day enters  
into the thirteenth week of his ill-  
ness, with high hopes of recovery,  
after times when his life was desper-  
ately in doubt. The recent improve-  
ment in his condition has been main-  
tained.His Holiness spends most of his  
day in the audience room and takes  
a daily walk around the apartment,  
sometimes alone, sometimes on the  
arm of a secretary. He refuses to  
walk with a stick.On warm days he walks a little  
on his balcony, in the sun.—*Reuter  
Bulletin Service.*NEUTRALITY  
RESPECTEDHITLER'S PROMISE  
TO SWITZERLANDBern, Feb. 26.  
"At all times we shall respect the  
integrity and neutrality of Switzer-  
land," I affirm this categorically.  
This is the assurance which Herr  
Hitler is stated to have given to the  
former Federal Councillor, M.  
Schulthess, during the latter's visit to  
Berlin this week.—*Reuter.*

## TREASURY BILLS

London, Feb. 26.  
The total amount applied for in  
tenders for £40,000,000 Treasury bills  
was £74,175,000. The average rate  
for bills at three months was  
10/5.19d, against 11/3.65d a week ago.  
—*British Wireless.*FOUR POWERS  
WILL GUARD  
SPAIN COASTRussia and Portugal  
Dodge Responsibility

London, Feb. 26.

It is understood that putting into force by the United  
Kingdom of the Naval Supervision plan, under discussion  
by organs of the International Committee for application  
of an agreement regarding non-intervention in the  
Spanish Civil War, would require legislation. It will be  
necessary to impose a legal obligation on vessels  
proceeding under the British flag to Spain to conform  
with the procedure contemplated in such matters, to call  
at ports specified in the plan for the purpose of picking up  
the International Committee's supervisors and to subject  
to interrogation by the naval patrols of powers acting on  
behalf of the Committee.According to the decision reached, by the  
International Committee of February 19, supervision is  
to become into operation next Saturday, and therefore  
during the next week, as soon as the scheme is finally  
approved by the Committee, the British Government will  
introduce necessary legislation and provide Parliamen-  
tary time for its passage into law.The Chairman's Sub-committee of  
the International Non-Intervention  
Committee today, under con-  
sideration technical problems of ap-  
plication of the scheme for the super-  
vision of vessels having the right to  
fly the flags of participating coun-  
tries proceeding to Spanish ports,  
and agreed that representatives of  
maritime countries should be asked  
to arrange for official Government ex-  
perts to attend a meeting in London  
on March 3 for the purpose of reach-  
ing decisions of technical questions  
concerned.According to a communique, after  
considering further the land super-  
vision scheme, the representatives  
undertook to communicate forthwith  
to their respective Governments the  
technical documents concerned, with a  
request for immediate instructions  
thereon.The Committee passed then to  
consideration of the naval supervision  
scheme. The Russian Representative  
stated that in view of the fact that  
it had been agreed in principle that  
any government, party to the agree-  
ment, had the right, should they so  
desire, to participate in the Naval  
Supervision Scheme, the Russian  
Government did not claim at present  
to make actual use of this right as  
it was not interested either politically  
or otherwise in the presence of its  
naval forces in Mediterranean sea or  
in the Atlantic Ocean at a great dis-  
tance from their own naval bases.The Portuguese representative re-  
called his Government had always  
favoured a naval supervision scheme  
being entrusted to four powers, the  
United Kingdom, France, Germany  
and Italy, and stated Portugal would  
not desire to participate in the scheme  
so long as it was confined to these  
four powers. Representatives of the  
four powers agreed to submit to their  
Governments a scheme for naval  
supervision by themselves already  
prepared by the Technical Advisory  
Subcommittee with a view to settling  
technical problems involved in its  
application. The Committee will  
meet again on Monday.—*British  
Wireless.*

## RUSSIA'S OBJECTION

London, Feb. 26.  
Although Soviet Russia's  
reason for withdrawing from  
the International Non-Intervention  
Committee's scheme of con-trol of the Spanish war zones is  
not yet known, it is known that  
Russia objected to the area  
allotted to her. It included the  
Bay of Biscay, which is always  
boisterous at this time of year.  
Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the  
German Ambassador, told a previous  
meeting of the Non-Intervention  
Committee, that Germany would only  
agree to the participation of Russia  
provided that the experts' recom-  
mendations with regard to zones were  
adopted.

Later.

A communique issued by the Non-  
intervention Committee to-night,  
says that the Soviet Government did not  
at present claim to make use of the right  
to participate in the naval supervision  
of Spain, as it was not interested,  
either politically or otherwise, in the  
presence of its naval forces in the  
Mediterranean Sea or the Atlantic  
Ocean, at a great distance from its  
own bases.The Portuguese representative,  
meanwhile, has reminded the sub-  
committee that Portugal always  
favoured entrusting the supervision  
scheme to the United Kingdom,  
France, Germany and Italy. There-  
fore, he said, Portugal did not desire  
to participate in the control scheme  
as long as it was confined to those  
four powers.—*Reuter.*

## SPANISH SYMPATHY

London, Feb. 26.  
Senor Del Vaya, Spanish Minister  
of State, has expressed to Mr. Ogilvie  
Forbes, British Charge d'Affaires, the  
sympathy and concern felt by the  
Spanish Government at the accident  
to H. M. S. Royal Oak which resulted  
in the wounding of five officers and  
men.—*British Wireless.*GOLD STRIKE  
IN ALASKAFairbanks, Feb. 26.  
Gold strikes have been reported on  
a tributary of the Kuskokwim River  
and on the Togiak River, west of  
Good News Bay.Both are placer workings.—  
*United Press.*

## DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

A WISE MAN WILL MAKE MORE  
OPPORTUNITY THAN HE FINDS.—*Bacon.*It is notified that His Honour the  
Chief Justice has directed that the  
next Criminal Sessions shall be held  
on Monday, March 15, at 10 a.m.It is notified that at the expiration  
of three months the name of the  
Perrin's (China) Limited, will, unless  
cause is shown to the contrary, be  
struck off the register and the com-  
pany will be dissolved.Before Mr. K. Keen at the Central  
Magistracy this morning Det-Ser-  
geant G. A. Willerton applied for an  
order for the confiscation of 100  
pounds of sugar, found by him, un-  
claimed and unmanifested on board  
the s.s. Hal Tan on February 24.  
The order was granted.The Tak Luen firm, of 107  
Hennessy Road, was summoned before  
Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magis-  
tracy this morning for obstruction  
on February 7, by hanging 16 dried  
ducks on the footpath of Hennessy  
Road. Mr. M. W. Lo, representing  
the firm, pleaded not guilty and  
after evidence had been heard the  
summons was dismissed.FILIPINOS  
GREET  
QUEZONDICTATORSHIP PLAN  
FLATLY DENIEDWASHINGTON  
WELCOMEWashington, Feb. 26.  
President Quezon arrived here  
shortly before lunch and was greeted  
by a large gathering of officials, as  
well as the entire Filipino community.  
There was a striking display of United  
States and Philippine Commonwealth  
flags.On arriving at the White House,  
President Quezon was entertained to  
luncheon by President Roosevelt,  
after which he issued a statement,  
saying: "I have come to report to the  
President on conditions in the Philip-  
pines, as required by the Indepen-  
dence Act. I expect to discuss the  
question of the future of the islands  
when the appropriate time comes, but  
that will be in a preliminary way."Subsequently, speaking of his dis-  
cussions with President Roosevelt,  
President Quezon said: "I reported to  
the President on conditions prevailing  
in the Philippines, as provided by the  
Tydings-McDuffie Act. I said finan-  
cial and economic conditions were  
very good and that the Common-  
wealth was running efficiently, with a  
budget surplus of 15,000,000 pesos."

## NO DICTATORSHIP

President Quezon repudiated the  
published suggestions that he was  
establishing a legal dictatorship. "I  
believe in democracy," he said. "I  
believe in the ordinary man and the  
wisdom and reaction of the masses.  
However, it is true also that I be-  
lieve in a strong Government in  
accordance with the Constitution that  
has given life to the Government."Referring to the defence plan, he  
said this would be adequate, adding,  
"I think that in ten years we can train  
and equip 400,000 men. We are not  
organising a great professional Army.  
Our Regular Army will be no more  
than 10,000. We are training the  
whole of the citizens."President Quezon declined to dis-  
cuss whether the United States should  
retain naval bases in the Philippines,  
pointing out that this would be dis-  
cussed after complete independence  
has been obtained.—*United Press.*TRADE  
TREATY  
SIGNEDBRITISH ACCORD  
WITH CUBALondon, Feb. 26.  
A commercial agreement with  
Cuba was signed at Havana on  
February 19 and comes into force  
provisionally as from that date.  
It provides that United Kingdom goods  
shall be treated in Cuba not less  
favourably than those of any country  
—apart from the special treatment  
accorded to United States goods—and  
that Cuban goods shall enjoy most-  
favoured-nation treatment in the  
United Kingdom. The Cuban duties  
on certain United Kingdom linen and  
woollen piece goods are reduced, and  
the Cuban Government undertakes to  
consider sympathetically requests for  
further tariff readjustments. The  
agreement also provides that British  
insurance enterprises shall not be  
subjected to legislation imposing  
more onerous conditions than those  
already applying to the conduct of  
their Cuban business.The Cuban Government recognises  
the necessity of alleviating the posi-  
tion of United Railways of Havana, a  
British undertaking, and promises  
sympathetic consideration of requests  
put forward to that end.The agreement runs until Decem-  
ber, 1937. There is also an exchange  
of Notes precluding action which  
would prejudice the present position  
of British shipping in Cuba.—  
*British Wireless.*Speaker Will  
Ride In  
Ancient CoachLondon, Feb. 26.  
When the Speaker of the House of  
Commons attends the Coronation  
ceremony in Westminster Abbey, at  
the special invitation of His Majesty  
the King, he will drive in the oldest  
coach in London.It was built in 1689 for William III  
and since 1789 has been used as the  
Speaker's coach.It is kept in the coach-house in  
the basement of the House of Lords  
and every month its dust covers are  
removed so that experts may polish  
it. It weighs three tons and was  
used in the Coronation of 1911 and  
Jubilee celebrations of 1935.—*Reuter  
Bulletin Service.*

## LINDBERGH IN STORM

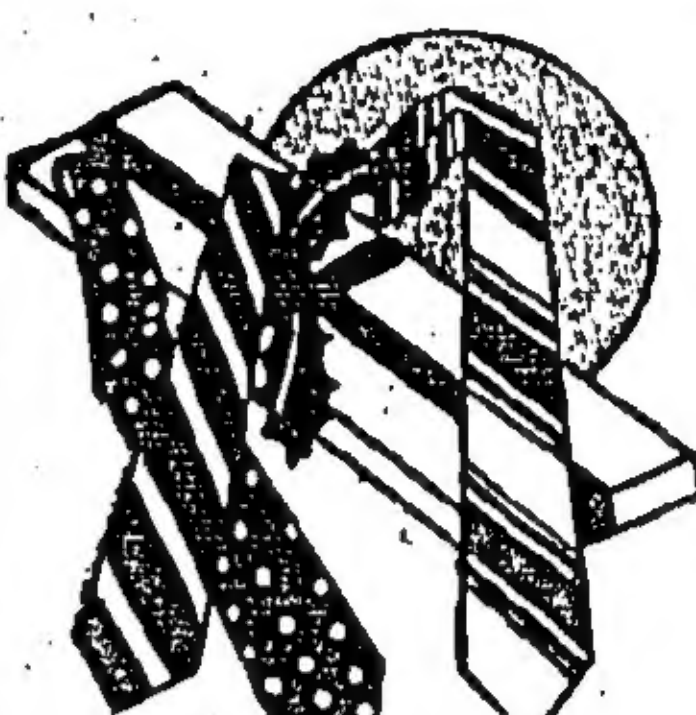
Calcutta, Feb. 26.  
Colonel Charles Lindbergh, ac-  
companied by Sir Francis Young,  
husband, the famous explorer, landed  
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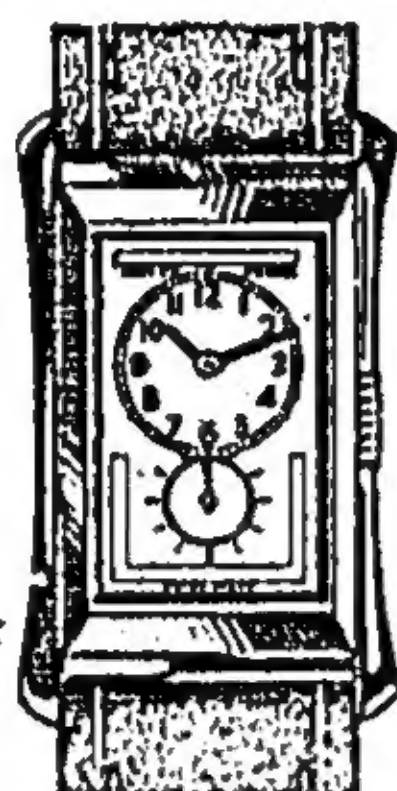


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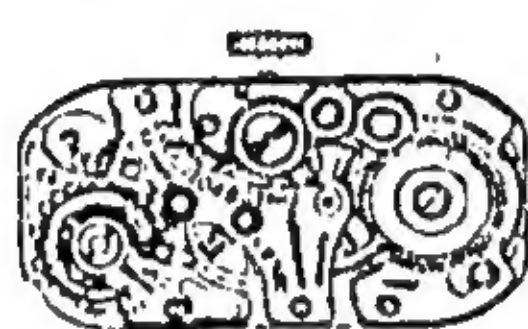
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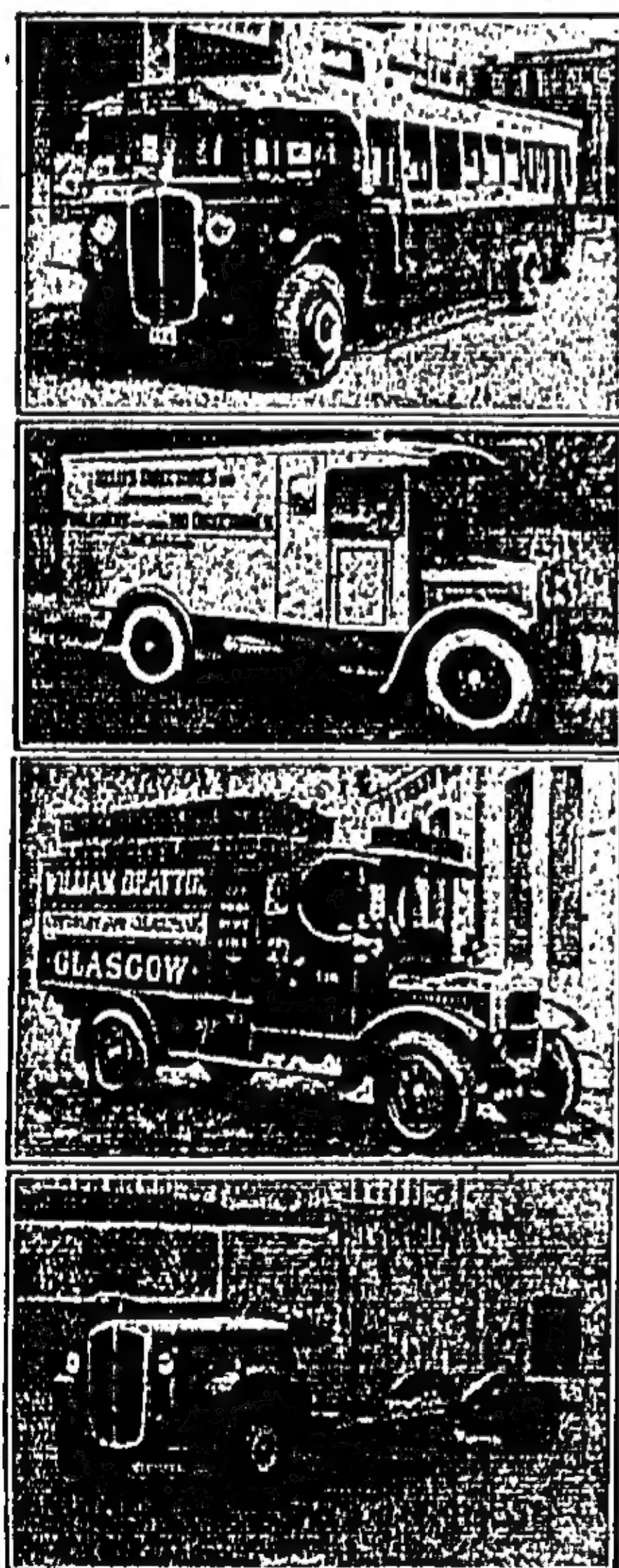
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Who Remarry****BISHOPS REFUSE SENTENCE  
OF "SPIRITUAL DEATH"**

"WE cannot fence the altar," declared the Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) at a meeting of the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury, opposing a resolution to bar from Communion people who remarried after divorce.

In the Lower House a resolution was passed calling for stronger safeguards against collusion and perjury in divorce cases.

The resolution was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Criticism was made of Mr. A. P. Herbert's Marriage Bill now before Parliament.

The resolution of the Bishop of Ely (Dr. Heywood) in the Upper House stated:

"This House is not able to approve the admission to Holy Communion of persons who, having remarried after divorce and having thereby transgressed the law of Christ and the Church, continue to live in disregard of the moral obligations which must bind those who are to be admitted to Holy Communion."

**"ALWAYS A SIN"**

The Bishop maintained that remarriage after divorce always involved a sin against the Seventh Commandment.

"I believe it is said that the condemned murderer is admitted to Communion before execution, and it is asked: If the murderer, why not the adulterer," he said.

"But if the murderer is in a position to continue the slaughter of his neighbours and avails himself of the opportunity, then we should surely not admit him to Communion."

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell), opposing the resolution, said: "There is a very great danger of schism if the purity of the Church were to be pushed to such a final conclusion as to make it impossible to contain within the Church all but the most purified and the most deeply and irretrievably devoted to this Article of excommunicating those who break the marriage bond."

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) said: "I cannot see that it is right to fence the altar. We ought to encourage all who desire the help of Christ to live better lives and to come to His Table."

"Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." The Bishop of London (Dr. Ingham) said that he believed it was wrong in itself to excommunicate. He described it as "sending people to spiritual death."

**SPIRITUAL DEATH**

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang) said he could not bring himself to accept the resolution, and that he felt that they would be justified in conscience in not accepting it. Only the Bishop of Ely and St. Albans voted for the resolution.

The Upper House also considered a report of the Joint Committee on the Church and Marriage, with recommendations presented by the Bishop of Winchester.

These recommendations included the principle that a "guilty" as well as an "innocent" party in a divorce case, after marriage, could, in certain circumstances, by permission of the Bishop, be baptised or take Holy Communion.

**COLLUSION**

The Lower House approved this resolution: "It is urgently desirable that

**"Reverend"  
Deaconesses**

THE Upper House of the Convocation of York recently approved a resolution that a deaconess should wear a special dress or emblem and be addressed as "Reverend."

"Deaconesses want to be accorded real status," said the Bishop of Carlisle (Dr. Williams), presenting a report and resolutions prepared by a committee of bishops.

One resolution said deaconesses ought to rank among the clergy and not among lay, and that for all religious and ecclesiastical purposes a deaconess ought to be regarded and described as a person who was in Holy Orders.

The Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple) said there had been disappointment among the deaconesses that their order had not been placed on a level with the order of deacons.

There was no desire, he said, to belittle the order of deaconesses, but rather to magnify it. Its motive was to set it free from some restriction that were imposed on the deacons.

steps should be taken to strengthen the safeguards against the methods of collusion and perjury which are at the present time not uncommonly employed in seeking to secure decrees of divorce."

The resolution was moved by the Dean of Winchester (Dr. Edward Selwyn).

"A High Court judge who has to deal with many poor people's divorce suits has told me," said the Dean, "that he did not see anything in the new Bill which really was going to deal with the question of collusion."

"I think he rather thought that the difficulty of collusion was almost insuperable."

"Anyone who knows the sort of divorce suits that are now taking place knows well that the people engaged in them are not going to wait three years before they get release."

"They are perfectly prepared to have 'put up' adultery to get it. They do not mind if it involves perjury. It is with these people that the law ought to deal."

The Suffragan Bishop of Barking (Dr. J. T. Inskip) also criticised Mr. A. P. Herbert's Bill, which is now before Parliament.

"If the grounds for divorce are extended," he said, "it is reasonable to suppose that the present alarming ratio of divorce might very well be considerably increased."

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A view of the great floods in England showing a highway in Kent completely under water with only the telephone poles showing the presence of the road.

**GERMAN  
FIRMS &  
PORTUGUESE  
COLONY**

Berlin, Feb. 15.

It is reliably understood here that seven prominent German firms have recently taken up constructional and exploitation activities in the Portuguese colony of Angola, West Africa.

Angola, bounded by the French and Belgian Congo and British South Africa, is 497,788 square miles in extent, and its population is more than 3,000,000. It has a coast line of more than 1,000 miles.

The firms concerned include: I. G. Farbenindustrie, the German dye trust, which is interested in the polish deposits in Angola as well as in Portuguese Guine.

Gutehoffnungshütte, the coal and foundry concern.

Borsig Rheinmetall, machinery. The contracts, which were signed last month, are understood to centre on mining activities, but the construction of bridges and tunnels will also be undertaken.

Well-informed quarters here state that the contracts are of a "purely private character," and it is stipulated that Portuguese sovereignty is not prejudiced.

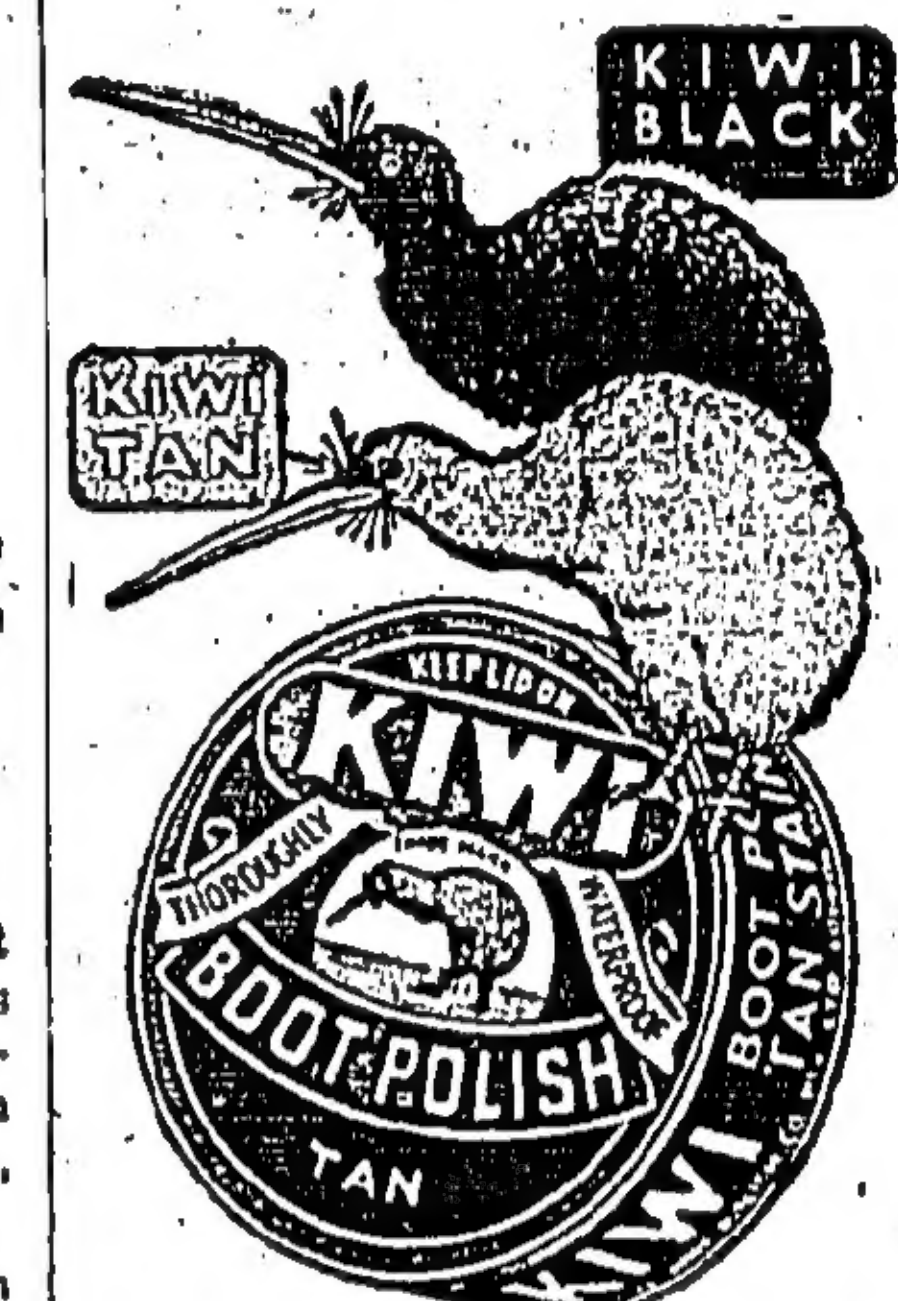
**HITLER AND COLONIES**

It is also stressed that Germany has not lapsed or bought any part of Portuguese territory in Angola, as has been frequently reported.

Herr Hitler, it is believed, will refer—perhaps at length—to the colonial issue in his speech to the Reichstag on Saturday.

An Iranian economic mission has arrived in Berlin, where it is expected to negotiate with Krupp, the I. G. Farbenindustrie, and the Borsig Rheinmetall for construction of plant and factories to exploit Iranian fish products.

Iran would export to Germany essential commodities such as wool, cotton, and sheep-gut in return for chemicals and medicinal products.—United Press.



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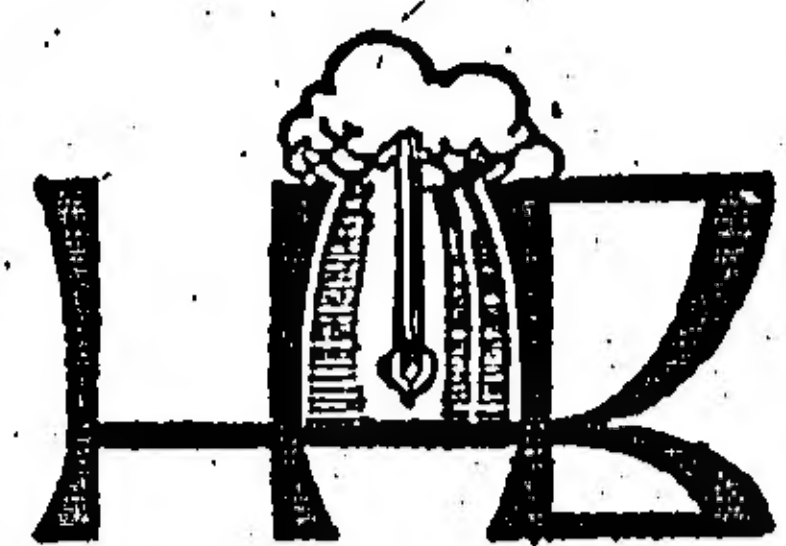
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## Four Women In Will Tangle

New York, Feb. 15.

DO you remember "Peaches" Browning? She was the "Cinderella girl" who, at the age of 16, married "Daddy" Browning, eccentric American millionaire, 11 years ago.

"Peaches" is to-day one of four women who are fighting for the £2,000,000 "Daddy" Browning left.

They are:—

"Peaches" Browning, to-day a glamorous blonde.

Mrs. Nellie Adele Browning, the millionaire's first wife.

Mrs. Dorothy ("Sunshine") Browning Hood, adopted daughter of "Daddy," Aged 22, and

Miss Marjorie Browning, aged 21, another adopted daughter.

"Daddy" Browning, who had a collection of 3,000,000 letters from girls, showered gifts upon "Peaches." He allowed her to spend at the rate of £200 a day, and gave her magnificent limousines.

After six months "Daddy" announced that the marriage had never been a real one; that "Peaches" slept in a room with her mother the whole time. He separated from her.

**ACID ATTACK**

Just before her marriage to the millionaire "Peaches" was attacked while she was sleeping.

Someone threw acid over her face and an expensive operation was needed to restore her beauty.

It is said that legal proceedings now beginning over "Daddy's" will may throw new light on this mysterious attack.

Favourite in the battle is "Sunshine," because "Daddy" on his deathbed added a codicil to the will, providing her with £2,000 a year until she comes of age, and afterwards £5,000 a year for life.

Her closest rival is "Peaches." As widow, she claims she is entitled to at least one third of the money.

Mrs. Nellie Adele Browning, the first wife, seemed to have a formidable chance, but it is stated that in consideration of an annual income she waived all her wife's rights.

"Dark horse" in the race is little Marjorie Browning, who says she is entitled to the fortune as "Daddy's" adopted child.

New York lawyers are now awaiting the order to open the legal battle for the millions.

## RAIL FIGHT FOR AIR MONOPOLY

BRITISH railway companies plan to gain a monopoly in day and night air mail services, and later to control all airline development.

The Maybury Committee recommended recently that G.P.O. mail contracts should be given to one company that could point to the best record of regularity on all services and that would have to keep the subsidy in the face of competition.

**Double Service**

Railway Air Services, financed by the four big companies and Imperial Airways, will, next year, at least double existing services between London and the provinces.

British Airways, next biggest combine to the railway group, have

## DIVER TO EXPLORE LUSITANIA

Hull May Be Blown  
Up For Scrap  
SEA-BED BROADCAST  
PLAN

SALVAGE operations in the former Cunard liner Lusitania, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in 1915, with a loss of 1,198 lives, are expected to begin next April. It is planned (says a London journal) to break the ship up under water by explosives and sell the metal as scrap, and probably, it is stated, for the manufacture of armaments.

On May 7, the 22nd anniversary of the catastrophe, Capt. John D. Craig, the under-water photographer, hopes to broadcast from the Lusitania's deck, and a film record is to be made of the salvage operation. Two obstacles have hitherto prevented the salvaging of the Lusitania, which, in addition to its value as scrap metal, is believed to contain valuable jewellery. The first was ignorance of the position of the hull, the second the lack of suitable diving equipment.

The liner is believed to have been located by echo-sounder apparatus by Capt. Henry B. Russell, of Glasgow, in command of an expedition in the 46-ton Ophir in October, 1935, at a point 11.2 miles from Kinsale Head, Ireland.

The sounder recorded an object 700 feet long and 84 feet in height; these are the dimensions of the Lusitania.

Subsequently diver James Jarratt descended to the vessel and stood on the deck, but was compelled by rough weather to return to the surface before he had positively identified the ship. He noticed, however, that the rivets were the same size as those in the Lusitania.

The great liner lies in more than 300 feet of water, while the ordinary diving dress is limited to a maximum depth of 180 feet. This obstacle was overcome by the invention by Mr. J. A. Peress, a Briton, of an all-metal diving suit capable, it is claimed, of working at a depth of over 1,300 feet.

This suit has been tested in Loch Ness at depths of 400 feet, and in a pressure tank at a pressure of 600 lb. per sq. in., which corresponds to a depth of 1,320 feet, Mr. Peress states.

already abandoned the London-Liverpool section of their route to the north, where railway competition by train and plane is especially strong.

## HITLER TO HIRE COLONY

HERR Hitler shortly announced a new step towards the achievement of his ambition for "a place in the sun."

Portugal's African possession, West Angola, is to be leased to Germany, London diplomats believe. The lease is likely to be one of ninety-nine years, during which Germany will have full rights of possession and development.

This project would probably do something towards satisfying the German demand for colonies. Britain is not expected to raise any objection.

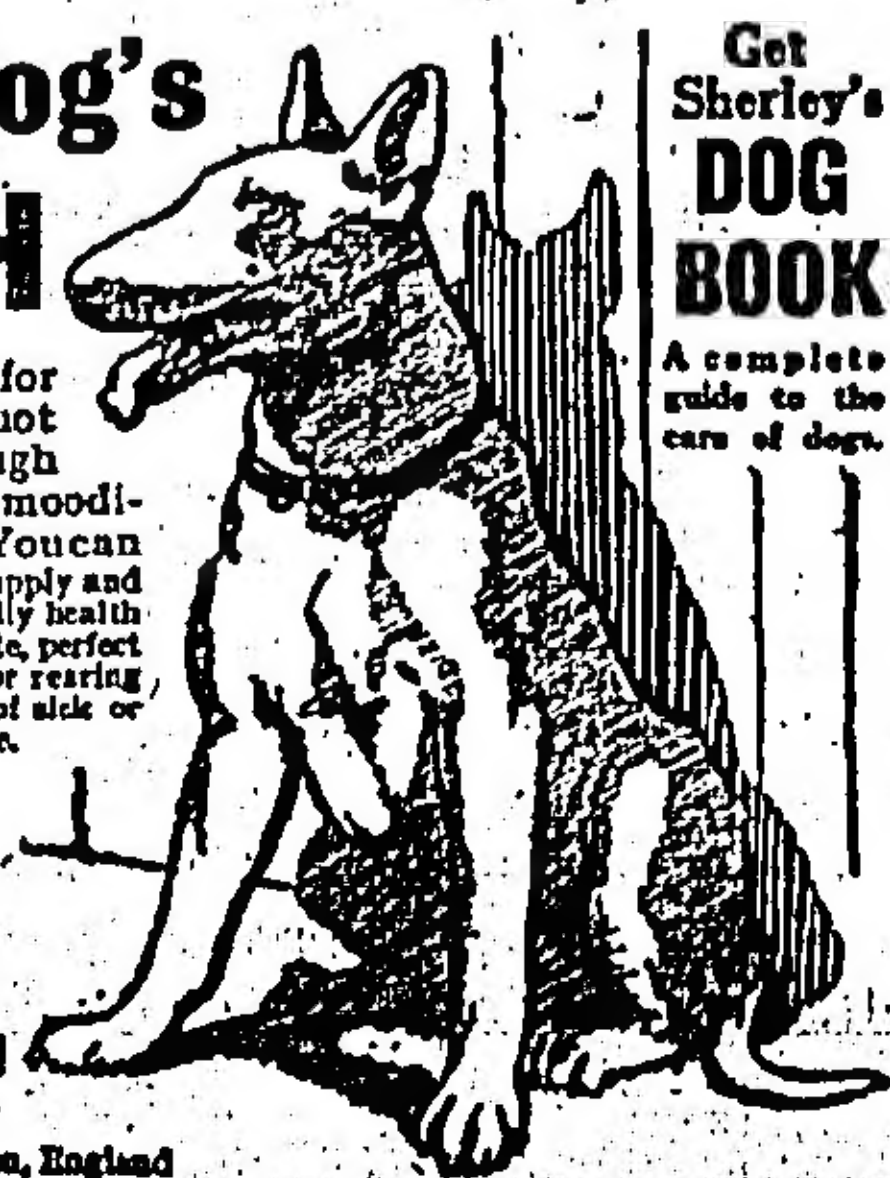
It has often been denied that Portugal would agree to sell any of her colonies. But the proposal that Germany should lease Angola may be a compromise.

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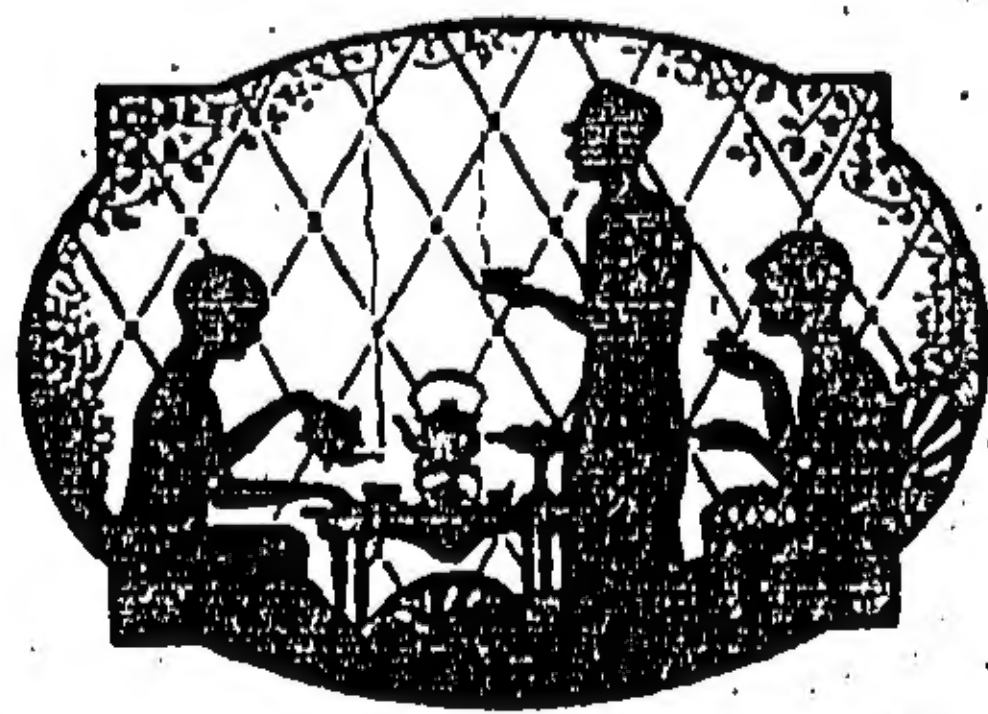
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EMPIRE WAR ON  
TUBERCULOSIS

Among the many gatherings which are to be held in London during the Coronation period is an Empire conference on the cure and after-care of those suffering from tuberculosis. It is felt that the many visitors from overseas will include numerous medical men and women from various parts of the Empire interested in the increasing toll of death from the dread scourge and in the devising of measures for red cing the high rate of mortality therefrom, especially amongst native races. The conference is being planned by the Overseas League and the Papworth Village Settlement which makes a special study of treatment of sufferers and of after-care of those who manage to survive. Those in charge of the arrangements believe that it may be possible to begin an Empire-wide campaign against the ravages of the disease. The subject is one of peculiar interest to Hongkong, which has a most unenviable reputation for the enormous number of deaths occurring from tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. Well over forty per cent. of deaths in this Colony are due to this group of diseases. The weekly returns show about sixty deaths a week therefrom, so that it can be said that tuberculosis, in one form or another, kills off some three thousand people a year. The causes for this high incidence are well known—they have been correctly described in official reports as overcrowding, the expectorating habit, and the poverty of the masses. It is also conceded that there is great need for more hospital and infirmary accommodation for tubercular patients, especially for those of the poorer classes. But only half-hearted attempts are being made to deal with the scourge. Poverty is, without question, the main source of the evil, and it is easily to be seen that the raising of the standard of life of the masses must be a very slow process. A vigorous slum clearance plan, on the lines of that being undertaken at Home, would produce fruitful results by improving the

WITH the article that follows this introduction, I should attach the photograph of a man who is living in literary seclusion in Hongkong. I should further add to it a name which would instantly identify him to local residents among whom he has been moving for several months; or a *nom de plume* which would draw surprised delight from the better-read section of our public.

These things I should be only too glad to do but the author concerned is at the moment wrapped up in a new work on Hongkong which he wishes to continue in that atmosphere of watchful obscurity which is productive of the best talent. Possibly he may wish to continue in the same meteorological conditions when Hongkong has had an opportunity in a few months' time of reading what it really is like . . . . .

The only clues I can give to his identity are that he was once a shipping agent in the Far East and now gives his time entirely to writing. Here is what he says . . . . .

Some years ago I was sent to America, to the New York office of a large steamship company, after having served with them in the East and South America. In New York I lived with a war-time captain of the Highland Light Infantry who had returned to his craft of theatrical costume and scene design.

We lived in the Bohemian quarter of Greenwich Village, where artists and writers are supposed to saw their own hair with a nail file and fry eggs over the gas jet. It was a grand part of town to live in, not only because it was handy to the docks, but because I met substantial playwrights and producers, and a fair number of actors and actresses, who were far removed from messy Bohemianism.

Their absorption in their trade was contagious. When not actively in a play they sought to improve their knowledge and technique. From them I learned that art for art's sake is less artistic than art undertaken for profit. This is an apparent paradox, but art requires full-time devotion and only those who succeed in making a living by its practice can do so to the exclusion of other tasks. However, writing can be undertaken as a side line and I have had some luck in that way.

Through friendships thus formed I was able to contribute sketches, scenes, and gag lines to various musical comedies, an avocation which proved very useful when the steamship company suddenly went completely out of business.

Since then I have been hoping to understand more of the technique of the drama. Some-

conditions under which so many of the people live, but this will be useless unless at the same time some scheme is devised for providing alternative accommodation within the means of those concerned. Admittedly, the problem bristles with difficulties, but action is called for. In this connection, it would be informative to know whether the Commission on overcrowding is still sitting, and, if so, when its much overdue report may be expected.

where in the history of Hongkong is a human story to match its dramatic physical setting. When it may finally appear on stage or screen the old resident will probably feel outraged at liberties taken with local conditions, but, to turn a profit, especially for the films, a story must have general appeal.

A theatrical producer once drew from me in conversation many details about the life of foreigners in Japan. In a few weeks he sent for my comment the full manuscript of a three act play. I don't remember details but the climax came when a European girl was put up for auction on the bar of the Kobe Club. I made plenty of comments, and no more was heard of that play. But the producer has now become a director for a Hollywood company and I often see his name subscribed to fine work.

Though none of my attempts at full length plays have reached the stage, I have often had them played over the radio networks. I have ghost-written for famous authors, and have squeezed myself into parts in dramas both over the air and on Broadway. I was in the show that made Sylvia Sidney famous. She was required to



Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, acting P. M. Judge, who is leaving the Colony very shortly on promotion to a Judgeship in Kenya. (Photo: Kobza).

scream violently at the final curtain. I always managed to sneak away from the theatre and was well into Times Square by the time the scream came out, but it was easily heard above the roar of the Great White Way.

It is dangerous to give up other work to undertake writing, but the lure of gold has encouraged many prospectors into the field who would be better occupied with a pick and shovel on a pipe line. And no wonder. The author of "Anthony Adverse" has received more than \$30,000 from the sale of books in one country alone, and in addition Warner Brothers paid \$19,000 for the film rights. Eugene O'Neill turned down a studio engagement calling for forty weeks at

\$1,000 a week, and Booth Tarkington has prepared an outline of a screen play he is willing to sell at \$10,000. It costs \$1,000 to look at his outline; and it has already been peeped at and paid for.

Flowers To You—

Mr. Bagram

IN anticipation of this year's bumper display of flowers at the local Horticultural Society's Exhibition on Tuesday, I visited the hard-working honorary secretary, Mr. J. T. Bagram yesterday, to catch up with the floral season.

Mr. Bagram, A.M.I.C.E., A.R.S.M., D.I.C., F.R.H.S., is a Share and General Broker—a strange mask for a horticulturist—but a few moments with him almost made me throw down my pen for a spade. On shares and exchange Mr. Bagram is reticent but on hours of sunshine, garden elevation, daffodil forcing and the mysteries of orchids he talks fluently.

Strangely enough, his acquaintance with horticulture is comparatively short. First in Hongkong in 1913, he went Home to "join up," returned after the Armistice, joined the Society about 1928 and has since annexed a great many honours in the annual competitions. He has this year retired from the annual competitions and is merely exhibiting his garden products.

"It was the strike of 1925 that first brought me into touch with gardening," he told me. "I was looking after my uncle's place at Marble Hall and seeds kept arriving for him from all over the world. There was no gardener to plant them so I had to do a lot myself and became very interested. When I went into my flat in May Road I started some pots on top of the coal house. Then my gardener thought there was more sunshine to be got from the hillside. Now I have an acre and a half of garden, a hot house, and two houses for keeping plants sheltered."

Conversation after this became a little difficult as Mr. Bagram plunged into the niceties of Stuart and Low's cartons, the value of Sutton's seeds as against those of Carters and Bath of Wisbech (best for bulbs), and went on to talk of the perennial delphinium which shares with many humans, an objection to our climate, and the tuberous pegenia supplied by Blackmore and Langdon. The best pansies, it appeared, came from Engelman and Son, and Japan held first place for cyclamen, but it was on cynaria of which Mr. Bagram has a magnificent selection, that he really enthused. Considering that his garden is between 700 and 800 feet above sea level and is frequently in mist, the beauty of his home-made paradise of flowers is remarkable.

Mr. Bagram's dream now is to grow really good orchids. "Everybody gets to that stage eventually," he confessed. "You try to grow everything rare and beautiful but in the end, you always come to orchids."

Angle of Feminine

Ex-M. P.

A LADY ex-Member of Parliament takes the public platform, this time in connection with an event of singular importance to Hongkong. Miss Picton-Turbervill, one of the Commission which came to the Far East to report on Mul Tsal conditions, presents the feminine angle on this much-discussed subject and the full report, presented to Parliament this week, will be awaited with great interest out here.

"Walking across country with a silent companion" is the favourite recreation of Miss Edith Picton-Turbervill, according to the entry in "Who's Who."

Miss Picton-Turbervill would not herself observe the silence; her second favourite recreation is talking, and she is indeed a brilliant conversationalist.

She speaks quickly, fires a fusillade of questions at her companions and has scarcely heard the answer before she asks another.

That is why she learnt so much about Hongkong and *mui tsai*.

She has no prepared speech and just rambles on in a delightful style, interrupting her argument with occasional anecdotes.

She was talking about the House of Commons, where she once sat for a Shropshire division, and referring to Parliamentary oratory to-day she remarked:

"Mr. Lloyd George is always worth listening to, and so is Mr. Baldwin, but he is more academic."

"But generally speaking I've heard better speakers in the Mothers' Union than in the House of Commons."

As an ex-M.P., her feminine opinion of one of the most famous women M.P.'s is interesting.

"Lady Astor," Miss Picton-Turbervill remarked, "is always amusing, because you never know what she is going to say next, and when she has sat down she doesn't seem to know herself what she has said."

A little sarcastic, that, and due perhaps to the fact that Miss Picton-Turbervill and the noble lady sat on opposite sides of the gangway.

But anyone who has heard Lady Astor getting up unexpectedly in the House of Commons during a dull debate must agree with the description.

Miss Picton-Turbervill also recalled some fine examples of mixed metaphors which she has heard from pompous orators in the House of Commons.

One M.P. spoke about a "red herring being dragged across the path, but the Government won't get away with it, as before night it will be brought home to roost."

Another Member declared that a Bill was "the last straw and, mark my words, it will bear no fruit."

The best of the three is the shortest. An M.P. protested that new legislation did not go far enough—"It is but a fleabite in the ocean," he said.

When Miss Picton-Turbervill was in Parliament she caused a mild sensation one day by taking a fan into the House to keep cool on a summer day.

She fanned herself, and Sir N. Gratton-Doyle drew the attention of the Speaker to it. He said that men were not allowed to bring weapons into the House—and a fan, he said, is a feminine weapon.

The Speaker decided that a sword is offensive and that a fan is not. So Miss Picton-Turbervill went on fanning.

Pop Parker.

These Names Make News

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## BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

According to a contemporary, a Shanghai golfer did a hole, of 776 yards, in one, recently. In view of its size, he could hardly miss it, we suppose.

Another contemporary reports that in the Japanese Diet, "Seiyu Kaitei has drawn attention to the necessity of protection of personal rights." This gentleman is believed to be closely related to Mr. Lab Ourite."

We understand there is no truth in the rumour that a certain police officer is anxious to start a Mounted Section of the Force, following his triumphal march in Kowloon on Thursday with two white horses.

China seems to be capturing Spain's orange trade in London. This will doubtless give Seville the pip.

The worst of being a golfer at Deep Water Bay these days is that you run the risk of being arrested for digging up the fairway.

Then there was the man who was only 136781 numbers off winning the Derby sweep. He didn't buy a ticket.

A lady recently won a dozen eggs as the prize in a local mah jongg contest. Let's hope they weren't all pongs.



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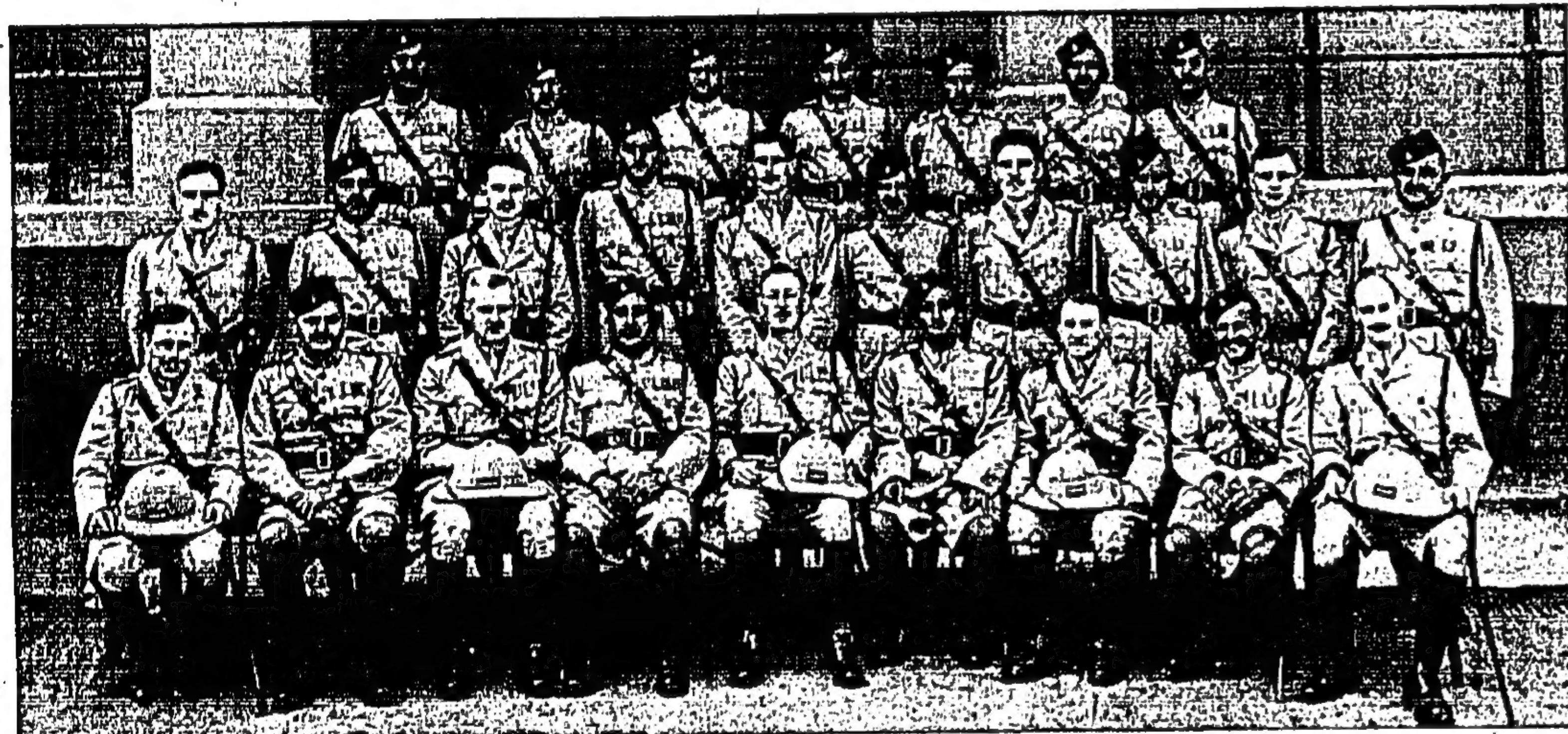
Mr. and Mrs. L. Le Gay Brereton with their infant son, Christopher Timothy, at the christening ceremony at St. Andrew's Church. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studio).



General Sir Alexander Godley greeting wives of men of the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles during his visit of inspection as Colonel of the Regiment. (Photo: King's Studio).



The above group was taken at the christening of the infant daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Gow. In addition to the parents those shown include Mrs. Beale-Browne, Cpl. and Mrs. MacCormac, and Lance/Cpl. Blissett.



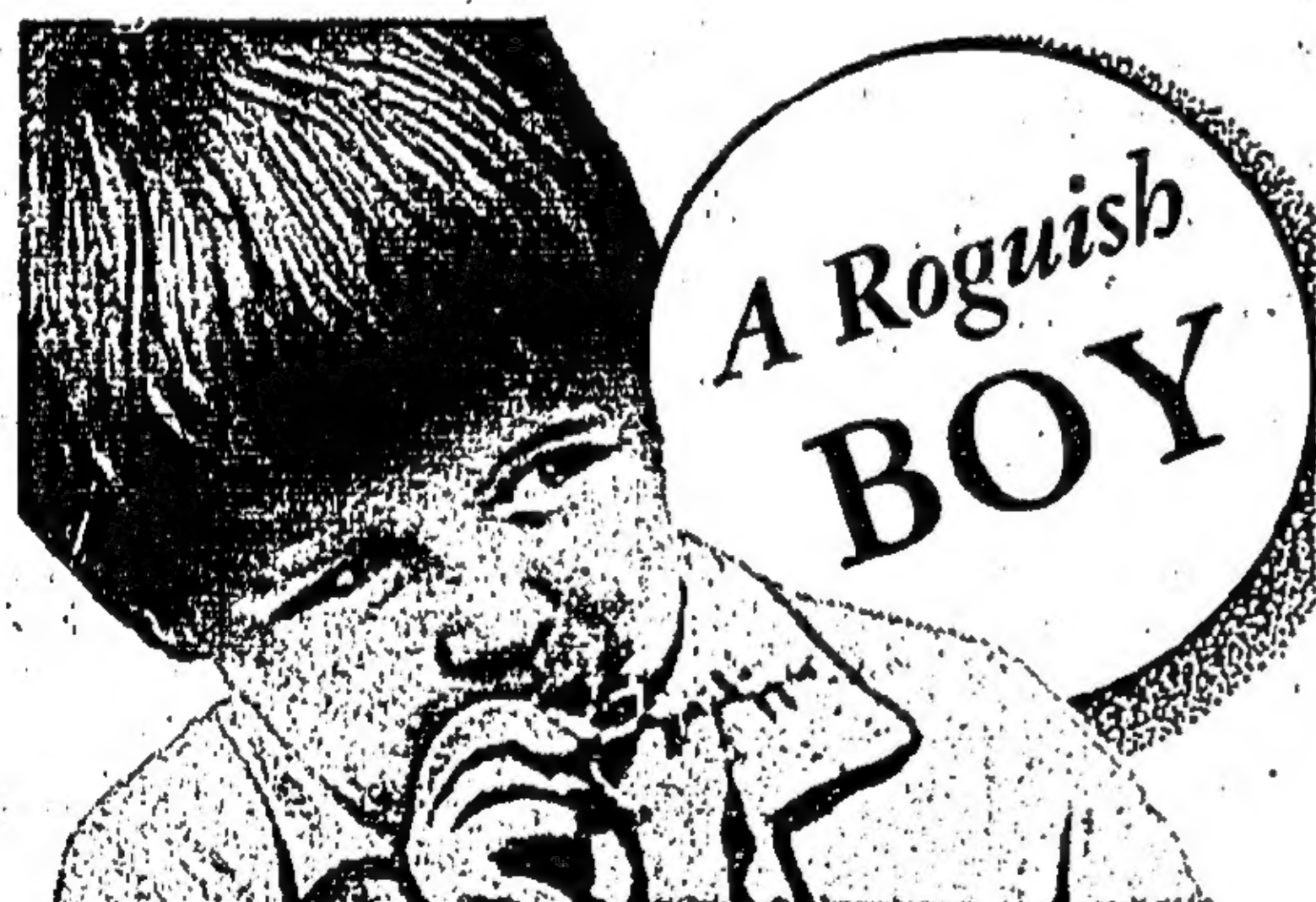
Above are pictured the officers of the 1st Kumaon Rifles, which recently arrived in Hongkong to replace the 1/8th Punjabis. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



A charming study of little Dagmar Rohel, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. Rohel, manager of the Bata Shoes Company, and Mrs. Rohel. (Photo: King's Studio).

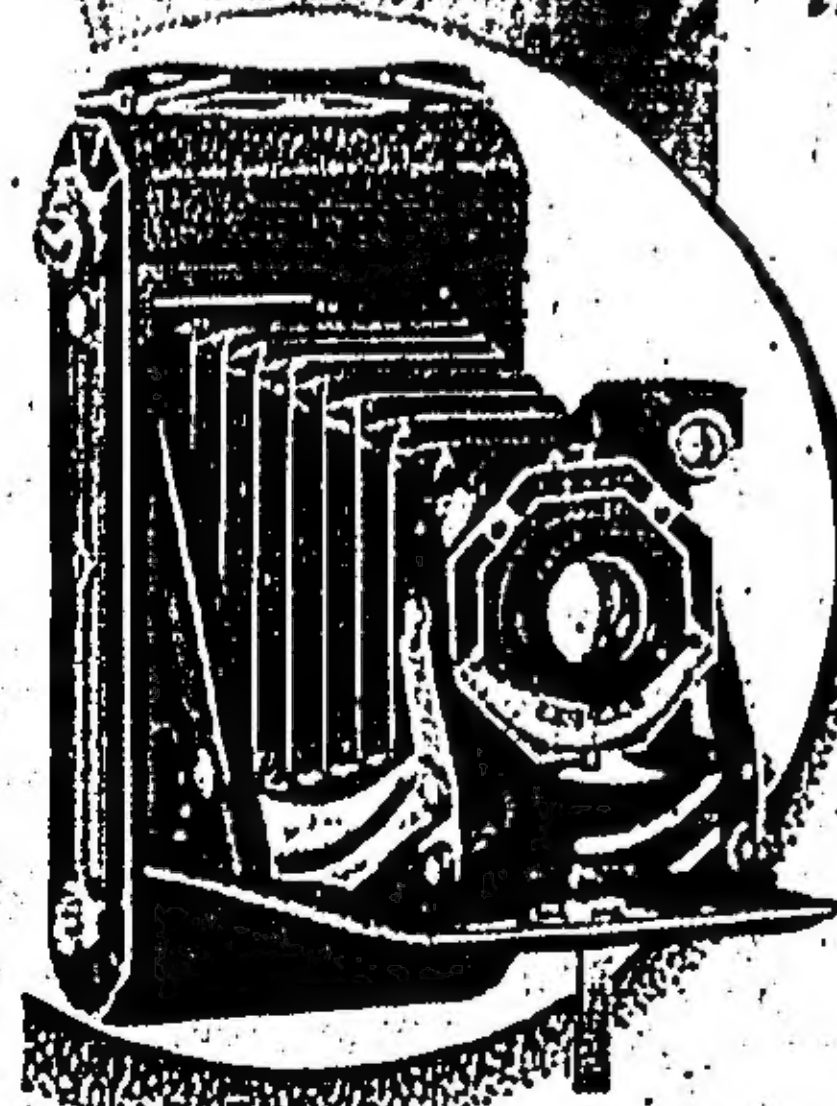


Group taken at the christening of the infant child of Dr. J. A. R. Selby and Mrs. Selby at 14 Leighton Hill. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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Another christening group, taken on the occasion of the baptism of Robert Gordon, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bell, at the Hongkong Union Church. (Photo: King's Studio).

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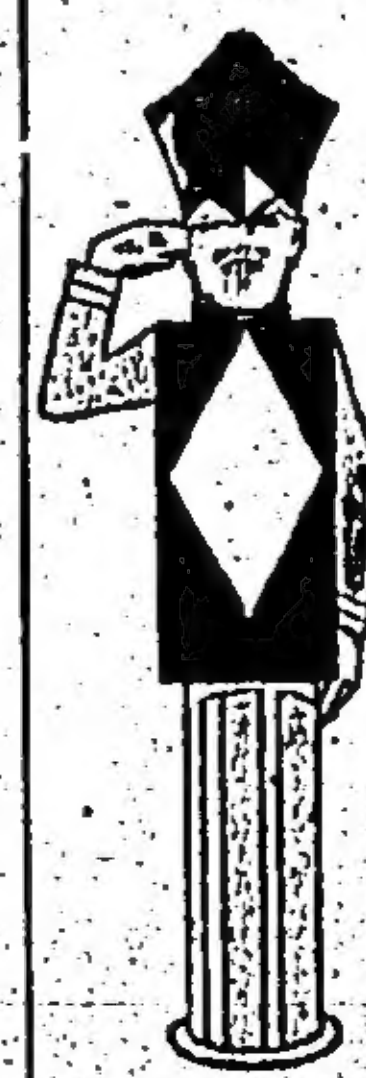
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## Novel Holiday

WHEN I go on holiday I invariably pack two or three books in my bag, and, as invariably, they come back unread. My subconscious mind obviously insists on a close season for literature. But, for most people, holiday-time is reading-time.

"What shall I take with me?" Well, since the publishers have sent out hardly any new books this week, let me suggest for your selection a score or so of novels that have attracted me this season. Sometimes you come across a tale which, whenever and where ever you read it, gives you that pleasantly exciting holiday feeling. Such a story is R. C. Sherriff's *Greenpates*, a simple, satisfying novel in which you meet the author on his own ground—in Suburbia, that world of quiet pleasures, middling hopes and moderate routine. And, incidentally, if you have not read his earlier book, *The Fortnight in September*, which has a holiday plot as well as a holiday atmosphere, now is the time.

IN that extremely amusing tale, *Mrs. Radd Writes Home*, Sybil Bolitho and Cen Fearnley exploit the comic side of "seeing ourselves as others see us," showing you a capering group of highly sophisticated, world-weary folk through the eyes of a sensible, elderly woman. It will delight you, especially if you happen to be staying in Bournemouth.

Stella Gibbons' *Miss Linsey and Pa* is another holiday story, wise and witty and never whimsical, about an incurable optimist who, though weighed down by her own troubles, staggered on bearing her neighbour's burdens. It has the true "Once upon a time" fairy-tale touch. And there is North G. James' *Sea View*, which tells how the little coastal village of St. Don's was swallowed by prosperous, vigorous Northsea, leaving one gap the less in the lengthening promenade of our shores. A well-told and convincing novel of conflicting hotel proprietors and lovers who win through at last.

It is a far cry from sleepy St. Don's to the steaming Niger, where Joyce Cary sets the scene of *The African Witch*. But the journey will be well worth your while, for the author knows his characters—men and women swayed, whether they are Negroes or European residents, by powerful, jungle-shaking, empire-rocking taboos. To anyone who still believes that human nature can't be changed, Owen Rutter's memorable *Clear Waters* should provide the necessary

shock. Here is life, presented not as a freak Eastern show, but as it was lived in Borneo before the white man's ships sailed into those tropical, tree-fringed harbours.

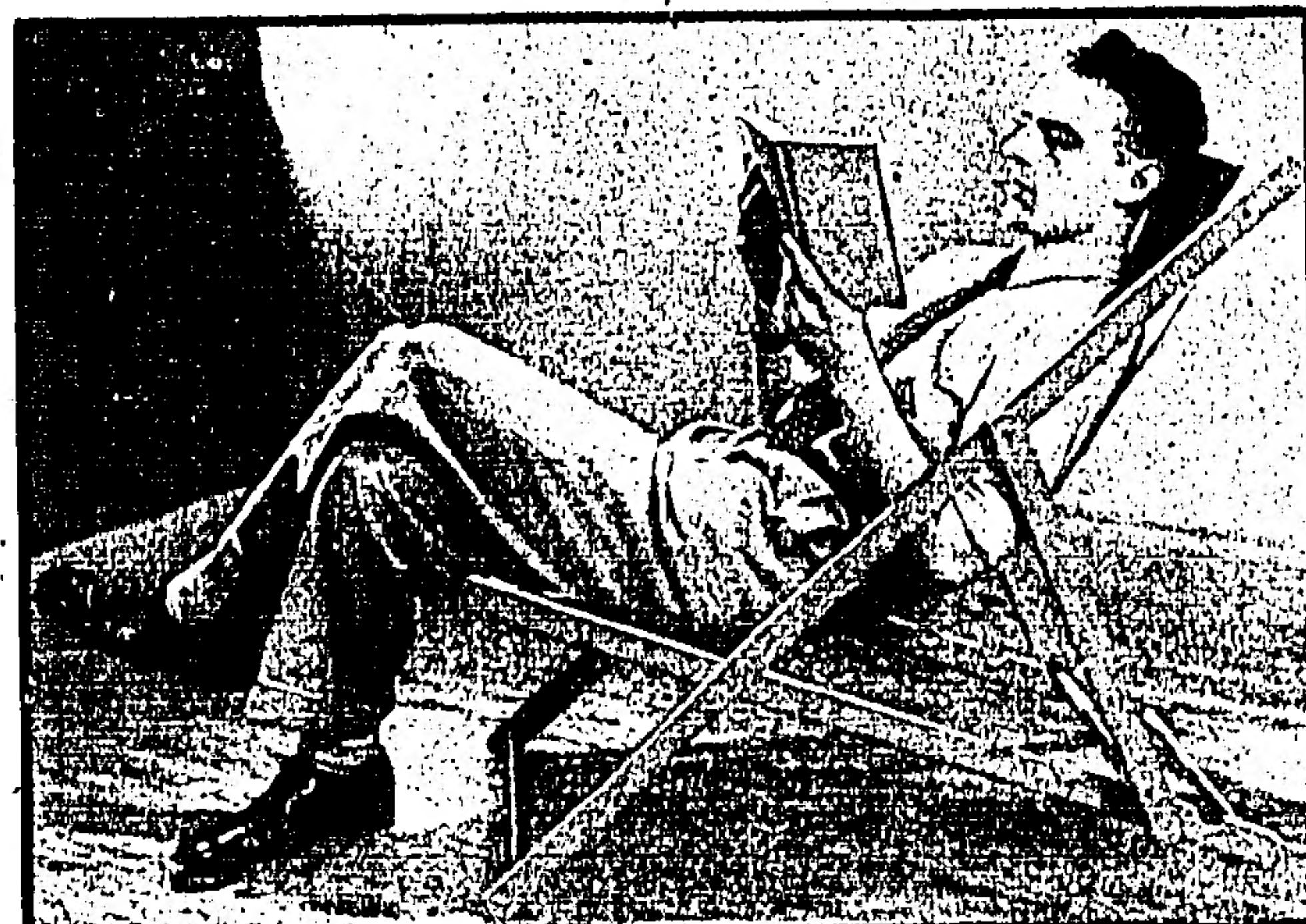
And you will surely be moved by Mulk Raj Anand's *The Coolie*, one of this summer's most distinguished novels. The tale of the pilgrimage of Munoo, an orphan of the hills, it forms the second volume of a trilogy which will prove a revelation of what, in the view of one Indian at least, the rule of the Raj has meant to his people. André Malraux, who has already interpreted the nightmare of Chinese politics for us in masterly style, turns west in *Days of Contempt* and holds a mirror up to Naziland. The reflection is unforgettable. By no means a conventional holiday story, but one of those rare, hypnotic books that you will be unable to resist.

Spain argues and struggles and boils over in Ramon J. Sender's *Seven Red Sundays*, a strange, poetic, mystical, intentionally chaotic tale of the birth of the Republic. It will help you to fill in the dark background of the Spanish crisis—and it is always burning alive.

Historical fiction fans will cheer Robert Neumann's long and rewarding story of that astute and unscrupulous eighteenth century adventurer-dictator, *Steuernace, The Queen's Doctor*. And they will be charmed by Wilhelm Speyer's *The Court of Fair Maidens*, which threads the intriguing mazes of a remote duchy, a hundred years ago.

E. S. Forester traces the Rise, Decline and Fall of a Brass Hat during the War in that quietly composed, overwhelmingly lyrical little masterpiece (yes, I said "masterpiece"), *The General*—while Arnold Zweig follows up *The Case of Sergeant Gritsch* with the relentless anti-war barrage of *Education Before Verdun*.

THE Old School Tie is turned inside-out and shredded in Maurice L. Richardson's swift and riotous social satire, *The Bad Companions*. A killing story. And the tale of a Tough Guy from Chicago's South Side takes on a more-than-American significance in James T. Farrell's bulky and brilliant *Studs Lonigan*. I was disappointed with Aldous Huxley's *Eyesless in Gaza* and J. B. Priestley's *They Walk in the City*. But both should go on your list of "Required Reading." For Mr. Huxley, in his increasing concern for unregenerate man, and Mr. Priestley, in his North of England moods, are symbolic of our day and age. The gentle, searching wit of Rosamond Lehmann glows through the



Happy is the Reader...

## Peter the Monster

PETER THE GREAT.  
By Alexei Tolstol.  
(Gollancz, 16s.)

PETER ALEXEIVITCH, "Peter the Great," was born in Moscow in 1672; he became Tsar when he was five years old; he died in his own city of Petersburg in 1724.

In that half-century (effectively in twenty years) this one man, by his fierce will power and illimitable energy, by his passion for novelty and contempt for tradition, changed the face of Russia.

His methods were ruthless. He beat down all resistance. A great cyclone of a man, sweeping destructively through all opposition. But a tremendous worker, a builder of the new as well as a breaker of the old.

A creative dictator who gave to Russia a new army, a new fleet, new cities, new industries, a new political system, a new social order: a man who forced Europe upon Russia and Russia upon Europe; making with his new order a new nation, which could repel the western invader, claim mastery on the Black and Baltic Seas and compel recognition as a Great Power.

### Tortured His Son

So Peter is a man who is well fitted to become, as he became, a national hero for Stalinist Russia; the Tsar who may become one of the worthies of Bolshevism.

Only there is the other side of the picture: the Peter who was a crazy drunkard and debauchee; who loved cruelty and torture with sensual delight; who loved himself to wield the knout and the axe; who tortured his own son to death; who could pick up Mary Hamilton's head on the scaffold, kiss it passionately, fling it on the ground and order it to be preserved.

An obscene monster, this Peter. Peter the Monster makes, however, little enough appearance in Alexei Tolstol's *Peter the Great*. Only once or twice do we have a glimpse of the torturer; and then of a man half-reluctantly doing some stern unavoidable thing.

Instead, we have the Peter who prefers the workers to the nobles, the Peter who honours the men who "built a water-driven sawmill from a German model without foreign craftsmen," the Peter who furiously denounces shoddy cloth; the Peter who wants to "shoe, clothe and arm regiments and give Charles what he deserves."



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## Diagonal neckline SCARF



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YOU can make this scarf out of plain or patterned material; a yard of georgette would suit it very well. Have it knife-pleated on the cross, and wear it folded corner to corner the way of the pleats.

Cut four slots like large tailors' buttonholes in the dress, a pair on either side of the centre front, one pair higher than the other. Tie the scarf round your neck and loop it through the slots.

If you don't want to cut your dress, stitch on two straps instead of the slots.

Wear an emerald green scarf with a black dress, a plum scarf with a blue dress, a sky blue scarf with a brown dress.

## TEST ANSWERS

### The Duchess's Diamond

The note to Marla obviously contains a code. The clue to the code is the opening phrase, the last three. Taking the last three letters of each sentence, this is what Playfair read:

You will find . . . what is wanted . . . covered with filth . . . on the shelf . . . in the kitchen. As Playfair remarks, it is just as well to have one's wits about one!

### Week-end Problems

PROBLEM I  
CYRIL'S JOURNEY  
Cyril walked 3½ miles.

### PROBLEM II

DICE

There can be thirty different dice.

### PROBLEM III

INTRUSIONS

- (1) Reading.
- (2) Sulphur.
- (3) Emerson.
- (4) Hyena.
- (5) Yew.

### Current Affairs

(1)	3	(11)	4	(21)	5
(2)	5	(12)	1	(22)	3
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(5)	2	(15)	5	(25)	1
(6)	4	(16)	3	(26)	2
(7)	1	(17)	2	(27)	3
(8)	2	(18)	4	(28)	5
(9)	5	(19)	1	(29)	4
(10)	4	(20)	5	(30)	1



## INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S NOTEBOOK: 11

### The Duchess's DIAMOND

"THERE are times," said Joshua Playfair to Sergeant Lumpkin, "when one needs to have one's wits about one."

"I shouldn't think," said Lumpkin, "that that could ever not have been said of you."

Ignoring the phraseology of what was evidently meant as a compliment, Playfair extracted a paper from his files. "Here's an example of what I mean, Lumpkin. This is a copy of the letter from old Riccardo to his daughter Marta, which enabled me to recover the Knarlborough diamond."

"Ah, yes," said Lumpkin. "A famous case that was, I'm told, sir."

Playfair laughed. "I'll just give you the essentials of the story. The diamond, which was worth fifteen thousand, was pinched from the Duchess of Knarlborough at a dinner. We'd a shrewd idea who had it—Riccardo (known as 'Lily-fingers') and there was enough evidence to arrest the old bird on suspicion. But of course he denied all knowledge of the diamond. I talked to him like an Uncle at the Yard, and then I told him I was going to search his house and he might as well save me the trouble."

"Riccardo never batted a eyelid. 'Going to my house, are you?' he said. 'Make yourself at home, Playfair, won't you? You'll find my daughter Marta there. And, by the way, you might take her a note from me.'"

"Right," I said. "But I shall have to read it first, you know."

"Of course," said Riccardo. "Whaddya take me for?" And this, Lumpkin, is the note that he wrote out:

Scotland Yard.

"Dear Marta,

"The last three years I've kept free of the cops, and now here we are again. But the whole affair's a mare's nest, you will find."

"Fancy arresting me on a trumped-up charge like this! But cheer up! There'll be an inquiry, after this, into the Yard and the dolls who run it—and that clearly is what is wanted!"

"In the meantime, here I sit in the local dungeon. The chairs are uncomfortable, and the walls covered with filth."

"Give my old friend Playfair what assistance he needs. And he needs all he can get. I can tell you! By the time this case is over, he'll be definitely on the shelf."

"And send me some clothes, will you? And that volume of Proust, which you'll find on a table in the kitchen."

"Your long-suffering

"PAPA."

"I watched Riccardo write that note, Lumpkin, and it seemed to me there was something about his performance that didn't seem quite spontaneous. And when I read the note through, it didn't ring true, either. That's why, when I got to Riccardo's house—before even I'd given the note to his bright little daughter—the first thing I did was to collect the missing diamond."

What was in the note?

## WEEK-END PROBLEMS

By Hubert Phillips

### PROBLEM I CYRIL'S JOURNEY

"To-day," said Cyril, "I did the ten miles from the station in exactly one hour and a half. I walked part of the way, and I ran the remainder. I walk at a steady 4½ miles per hour, and when I run I run just twice as fast as that."

How far did Cyril walk?

### PROBLEM II DICE

Mildred and her uncle were playing a game with dice. "I've often wondered," said Mildred, "how many different dice one could have."

"Different dice?" said her uncle. "Yes, you know," said Mildred. "Different in the sense that there's a different arrangement of spots. Put it another way: how many dice could you have which, though they were the same size, colour and

material, and all spotted 1 to 6, could always be distinguished one from another?"

"Oh, that's soon worked out," said Mildred's uncle. "The answer is —"

What is the answer?

### PROBLEM III INTRUSIONS

In each of the following groups there is one "intruder"—one object, person or place that is clearly different from the others. Name the "intruders":

(1) Chester, Durham, Exeter, Reading, Salisbury.

(2) Aluminium, Copper, Nickel, Sulphur, Tin.

(3) Emerson, Grant, Hoover, Lincoln, Washington.

(4) Cheetah, Hyena, Ounce, Panther, Tiger.

(5) Beech, Birch, Plane, Sycamore, Yew.

## Current Affairs Test How To Do It

Five possible answers are given for each question. Prime Minister of Great Britain is (1) MacDonald, (2) Chamberlain, (3) Hallam, (4) Baldwin, (5) Lloyd George. The number 4 (meaning Baldwin) has been placed at the right of 6 on the answer sheet. Answers on Page Ten.

### Home Affairs

1.—The Socialist League has formed a united front with the I.L.P. and the Communists. The leader of the Socialist League is (1) Mr. Atlee, (2) Mr. Maxton, (3) Sir Stafford Cripps, (4) Mr. Gallacher, (5) Mr. Lansbury.

2.—Dismissals at naval dockyards have created a sensation. The responsible Minister is (1) Mr. Baldwin, (2) Sir John Simon, (3) Mr. Duff Cooper, (4) Mr. Eden, (5) Sir Samuel Hoare.

3.—The Duke of Gloucester is giving up his army career to assist in public functions. His regiment is the (1) 10th Hussars, (2) Life Guards, (3) Grenadier Guards, (4) Gloucestershire Regiment, (5) Royal Horse Guards.

4.—Parliament will, it is understood, vote some Cabinet Ministers increased salaries. At present the Prime Minister's salary is (1) £15,000, (2) £10,000, (3) £5,000, (4) £0,000 and an allowance for entertainment (5) £8,000.

5.—Post Office savings deposits at the end of 1936 totalled (1) £710,000,000, (2) £432,000,000, (3) £300,000,000, (4) £198,000,000, (5) £87,000,000.

### World Affairs

6.—Navies and armies of world Powers will draw a cordon around Spain in order to prevent the entry of volunteers and munitions. The Canary Islands will be guarded by Great Britain. The capital of the Canaries is (1) Tenerife, (2) Palma, (3) Lanzarote, (4) Santa Cruz, (5) Las Palmas.

7.—Baron von Neurath has been holding important conversations with the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg. Baron von Neurath is (1) German Foreign Minister, (2) Chairman of the Reichsbank, (3) German Ambassador to Vienna, (4) German Ambassador to Rome, (5) Chairman of the Nazi Party.

8.—Foreign warships may not use the Kiel Canal without permission. The canal connects (1) The Elbe with the Weser, (2) The North Sea with the Baltic, (3) The Order with the Vistula, (4) The Zuyder Zee with the Ems, (5) The Rhine with the Scheldt.

9.—Lord Tweedsmuir opened the Parliament at Ottawa recently. Lord Tweedsmuir is well known as the creator of (1) Raffles, (2) "Bulldog" Drummond, (3) Winnie the Pooh, (4) Father Brown, (5) General Hannay.

10.—Fierce fighting has been proceeding around Oviedo, which is the capital of (1) Old Castille, (2) Granada, (3) Catalonia, (4) Asturias, (5) Aragon.

### General

11.—It was Mr. Lloyd George's birthday last month. He is (1) 62, (2) 68, (3) 71, (4) 74, (5) 79.

12.—"Gold Staff Officers" for the Coronation ceremony are now being nominated. Their appointments rest with the (1) Earl Marshal, (2) Dean of Westminster, (3) Speaker, (4) Archbishop of Canterbury, (5) Master of the Horse.

13.—The design of King George VI. postage stamps is being eagerly discussed. Those who are specially interested in stamps are known as (1) psychiatrists, (2) toxicologists, (3) philatelists, (4) lapidaries, (5) seismologists.

14.—A German destroyer is being named after Hans Lody. Lody figured in the late war as (1) aviator, (2) spy, (3) submarine commander, (4) cavalry officer, (5) expert in trench warfare.

15.—An International Regatta, to commemorate the Coronation is to be held in the latter part of June. The venue is (1) Cowes, (2) Felixstowe, (3) Falmouth, (4) Milford Haven, (5) Torbay.

16.—Particularly humid weather has been experienced in Hongkong during the past week, the humidity reaching (1) 98 per cent, (2) 97 per cent, (3) 100 per cent, (4) 94 per cent, (5) 97 per cent.

17.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is to lecture at London University. He has been (1) President of the U.S.A., (2) Governor-General of the Philippines, (3) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, (4) Secretary of State, (5) Governor of New York.

18.—Recently we celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Lord Byron.

the poet. This took place in (1) 1032, (2) 1695, (3) 1746, (4) 1788, (5) 1827.

### Arts and Books

19.—Mr. Harold Samuel, the pianist, is dead. He was famous as an interpreter of (1) Bach, (2) Tchaikowsky, (3) Chopin, (4) Brahms, (5) Beethoven.

20.—A pictorialisation of Lewis Sinclair's "Dodsworth" is coming to Hongkong shortly. The principal role will be played by (1) Norma Shearer, (2) Gladys Swarthout, (3) Mary Brian, (4) Greta Garbo, (5) Ruth Chatterton.

21.—A famous London theatre about to be rebuilt is (1) Globe, (2) Haymarket, (3) Criterion, (4) St. James's, (5) Prince of Wales.

22.—"Balalaika" is a triumph of production. The producer is (1) C. B. Cochran, (2) Tyrone Guthrie, (3) Leontine Sagan, (4) Athole Stewart, (5) Noel Coward.

23.—"Madame Butterfly" has been revived at Sadler's Wells. The scene of the opera is laid in (1) Honolulu, (2) Japan, (3) Tijuana, (4) Barataria, (5) Paris.

24.—Deanna Durbin, a new star, has made a remarkable hit in "Three Smart Girls", which had its second screening at a major theatre in Hongkong this week. This star is

aged (1) 21; (2) 18; (3) 10; (4) 13; (5) 17.

25.—Emil Ludwig has written the life story of a river. The river is the (1) Nile, (2) Thames, (3) Euphrates, (4) Seine, (5) Ganges.

26.—"Famine" is the new novel by (1) Phyllis Bentley, (2) Liam O'Flaherty, (3) Daphne Du Maurier, (4) Pearl Buck, (5) Arthur Calder-Marshall.

### Sport

27.—The annual races were held in Hongkong this week. Winner of the 1937 Derby was (1) Havoc Eve, (2) Thunder Bay, (3) Happy Eve, (4) Rob-Roy, (5) Expansion Time.

28.—The final test match started in Melbourne yesterday. In the fourth test at Adelaide (1) England won by an innings and 28 runs; (2) Australia won by 91 runs; (3) England won by 178 runs; (4) England won by 237 runs; (5) Australia won by 148 runs.

29.—At snooker a record break of 151 ("unofficial") has been made by (1) S. Smith, (2) W. Smith, (3) Newman, (4) H. Lindrum, (5) Davis.

30.—Up to date, 30 test matches have been played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Two have been drawn and Australia has won (1) 10; (2) 14; (3) 12; (4) 11; (5) 9.

### SCORE SHEET

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SCORE:

## Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies—You must have liked last week's Competition, to judge from the large number of entries which have reached me. I can tell you that it was quite a job looking through all the efforts and carefully going through each one. There were very few wrong entries this time, so that, once again, age and neatness were the chief factors in deciding the winners.

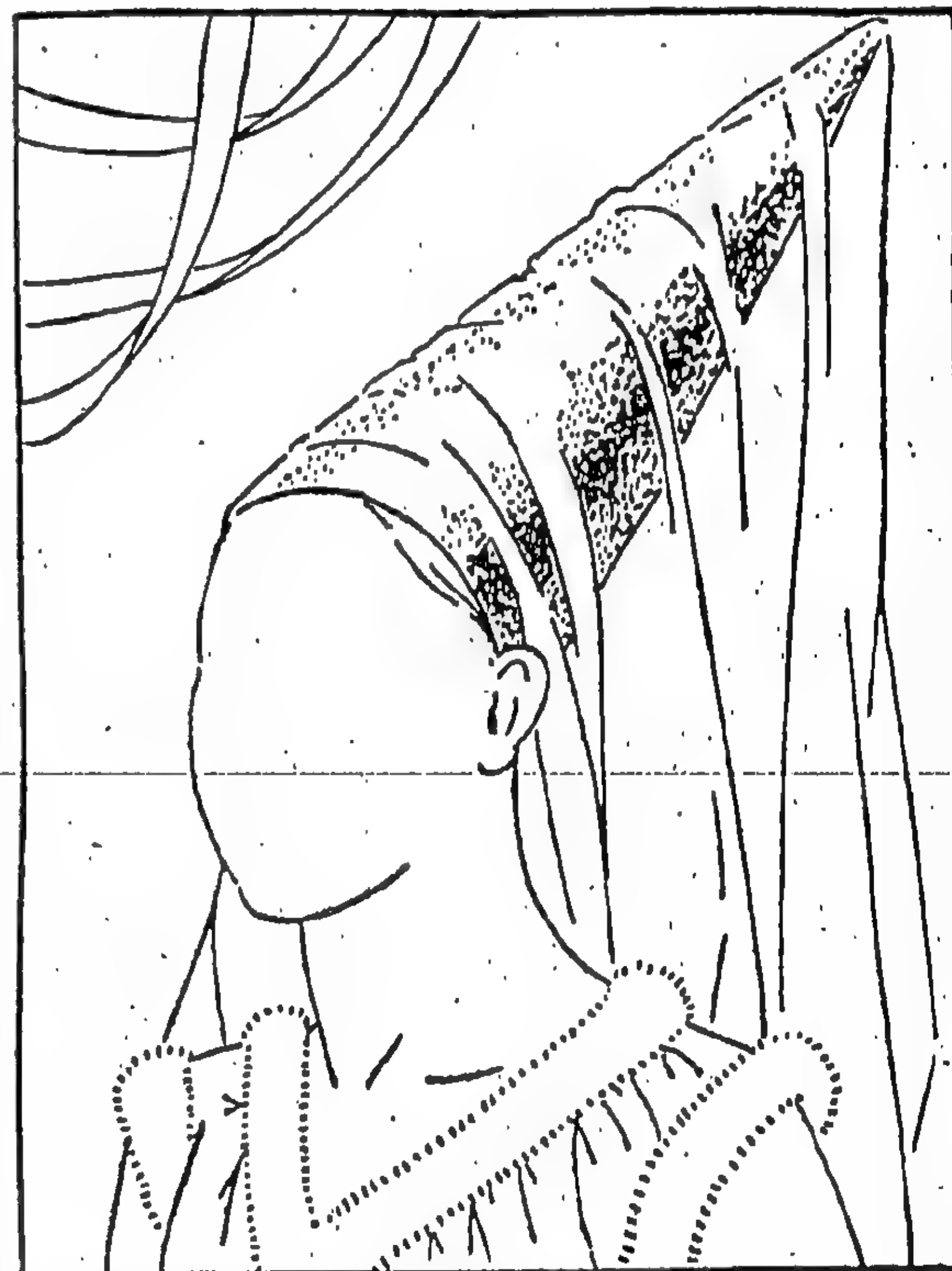
After a lot of time and thought, I have come to the conclusion that the Senior award should go to Jacqueline Matthews (aged 11), 280 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

The Junior prize is won by June Martin (aged 7), 30 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

Will the winners call at the "Telegraph" Office for their prizes?

Specially commended for neat work are the following Seniors: Peggy Barton, Mimi da Rosa, Frankie Hughes, Betty Wadmore, Cyril Griffith, Audrey Barton, Margie Xavier, William Barker, Christopher Kingsbury, Helene Ozorio, Aurea Marques, Ada Summad, Ronnie Thompson, Charles W. Foster, Margaret Choa, Ada Foster, Ho Shuk-chun, Yvonne Shaw, Olivia E. Botelho, Peggy Prince, Margaret Macfarlane, Hazel Slater, Doreen Stephens, Irene Mann; and the following Juniors: William P. McMahon, Moira Patey, Jacqueline Brown, Dudley McMahon, Freda Stephens, Ronald Cameron, Marjorie Currie, George Hudson, Anthony Cutcher, Jean Brennan, Mary Fitz-Gerald.

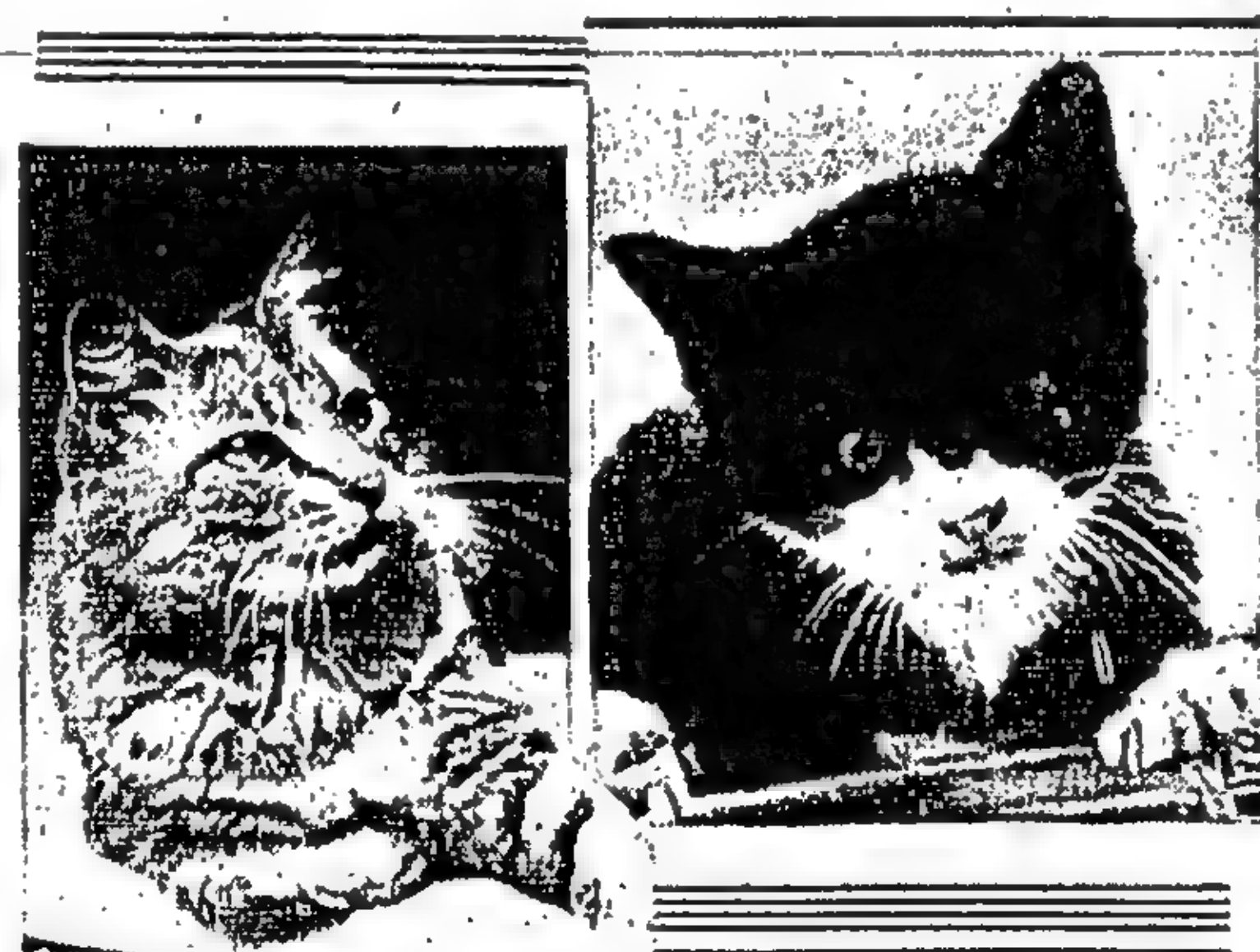
Now, children, here's another Competition which I am sure you will all like. The sketch shows a picture of a girl in fancy dress. What you have to do is to draw in her features and then colour the completed sketch with your paints or crayons. There will be two prizes—one for those from 10 to 14 years; and the other for those under 10.



Send your entries, not forgetting to mention your age, to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," so as to reach him not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Who'll win the prizes to mention your age, to Uncle Eddie, this time, I wonder? Lots of love, kiddles.

UNCLE EDDIE.

## The SNAPSHOT GUILD CAT PORTRAITS



Did the photographer say, "Watch the birds"? This command ought to mean something to a cat, but, as a matter of fact, these poses were obtained by dangling a bright object near the camera.

It is natural for an amateur photographer, according to his tastes and interests, to become intrigued with one kind of picture subject: animals, machinery, trees, skyscrapers, wild life, marine views, and what not. The result, often, is that he finds himself pursuing a fascinating hobby within a hobby—searching for and photographing interesting types of his favorite picture subject.

One of the most enjoyable and challenging of one-subject hobbies is making portraits of cats. You soon learn that the mature cat is an animal of many expressions, and that he rarely fails to reward you with an interesting one. You discover, also, that cats have individuality, even those of the same breed. Consequently, in making cat portraits you obtain a variety of distinctive studies.

Sometimes—and this is the challenging part of cat photography—you need something more than photographic skill to be successful. When it comes to posing for the camera, the feline is often a perverse creature. Dogs beyond the puppy stage are generally obedient, but, to keep a cat in front of the lens, it is usually necessary to entice him. Even then, Thomas is likely to "take a walk" out of the viewfinder, with complete indifference to what you say to him or about him. He has a mind of his own. Hence, there will be times when you will need Christian patience and an assistant to recover

the cat. Especially outdoors, when Thomas is in a lively mood, you may find that the best you can get is 9/10 backyard and 1/10 cat. On the other hand, Thomas loves to lie in the sun, especially after a good meal, and then, usually, you find him a most tractable model.

Inside the house the chances are always good because here a cat is generally quieter and disappearing acts can be prevented. Here, too, you can more easily arrange a contrasting background. The surest way to catch a pose is to use a flash bulb. Floodlight lamps seem to cause most cats to lie down and bask. Cats, however, being inquisitive, like to look out of windows for long periods, giving you a chance to creep up on them and snap a good picture by daylight.

A most useful "accessory before the fact" for cat pictures is a portrait attachment over your regular lens permitting close-ups within arm's length. But, if you do not use a portrait attachment, be sure your focus is correct so that the image of the cat will be quite sharp. Then you can mask out the surrounding part of the negative to obtain a big image enlargement as in the pictures shown above.

Remember that the typical physical characteristics of cats are their whiskers and the liquid gleam in their eyes. The one needs a contrasting background; the other, it must be confessed, needs luck with the light reflections. If you succeed in revealing both, you are a good cat photographer.

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Sanhor Rogelio Robles, the new Consul-General for Panama in Hongkong. (Photo: Kobza).



These men wage constant warfare on crime in Hongkong. They are the officers of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Police Force. The group was taken in honour of Chief Detective Inspector Shannon, who is shortly leaving the Colony. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Mr. A. Steven and Miss Joan Leppard were married last week at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, when the above group was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



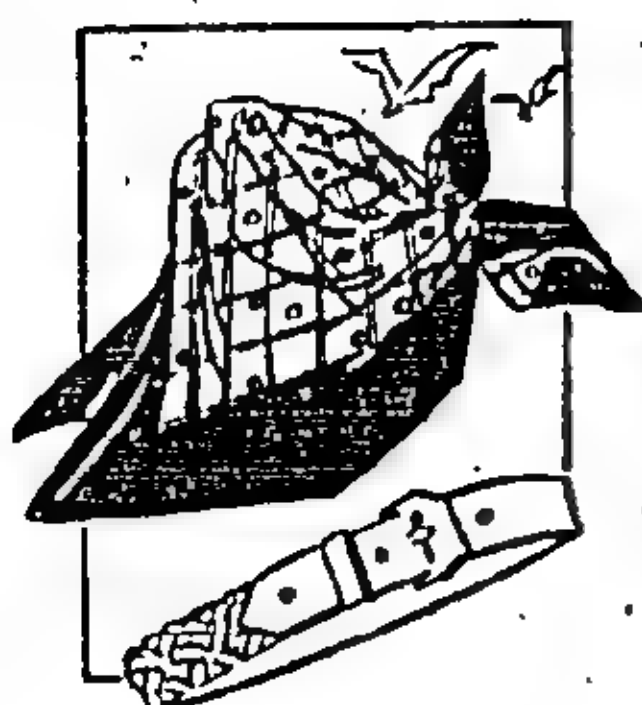
Bridal group taken at the wedding, at Kowloon Union Church last Saturday, of Mr. D. N. Parsons and Miss B. J. Spaulding. (Photo: King's Studio).



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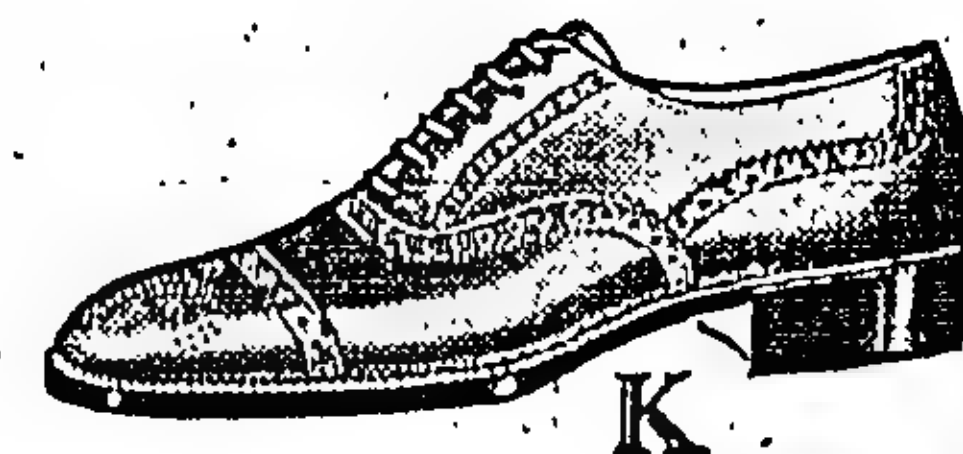
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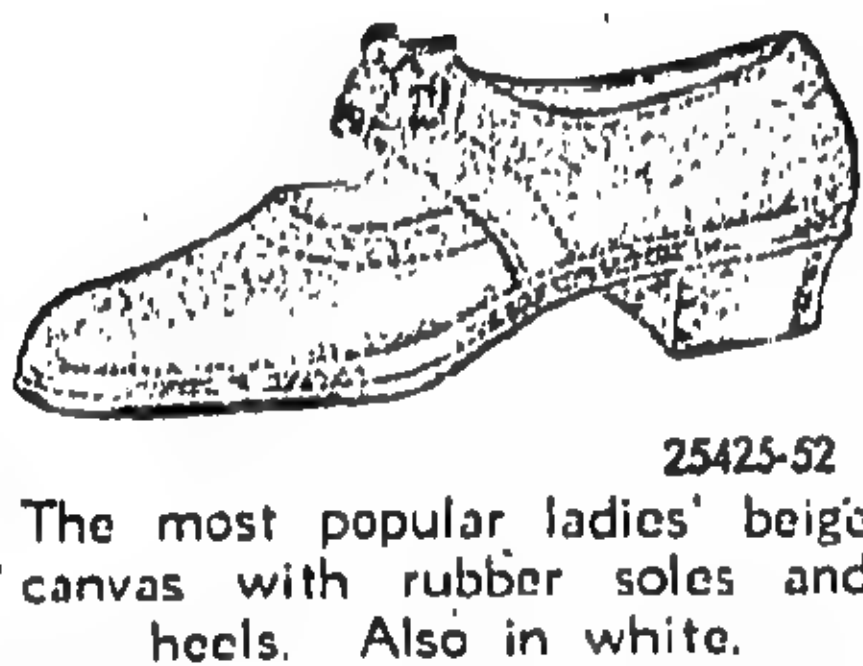
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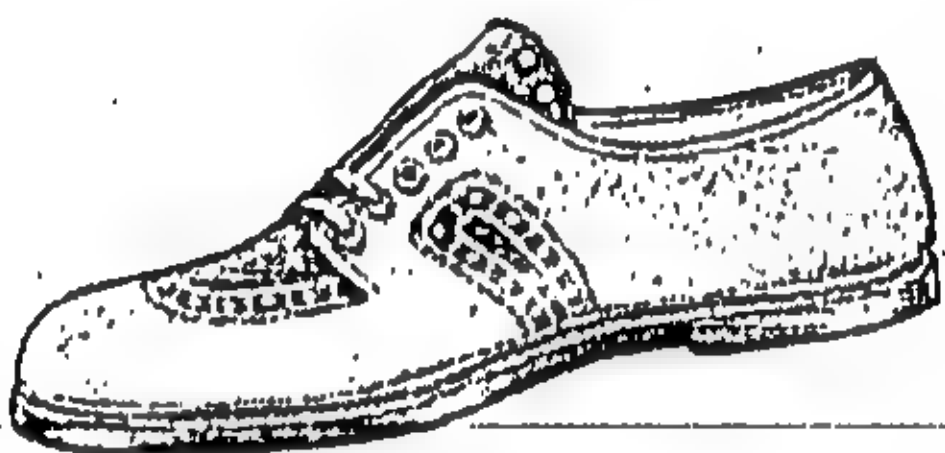
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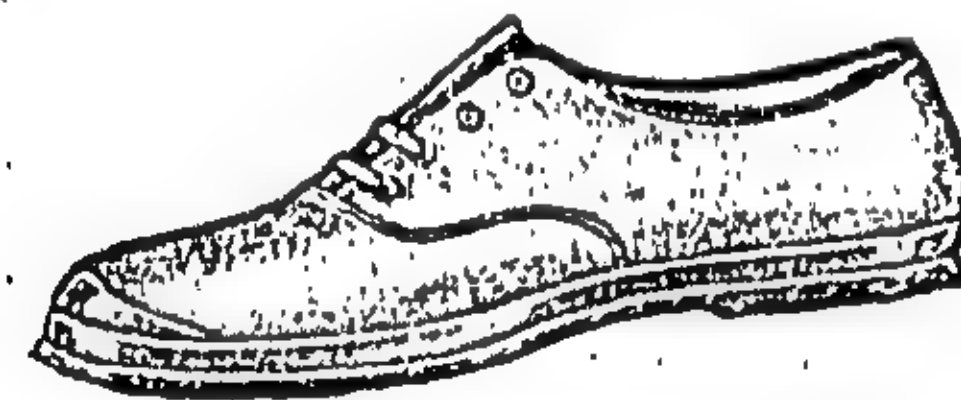
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## "For 12 Years My Life Has Been A Hell"

—SAYS FORMER H.K. RESIDENT

MRS. FLORENCE MAUD ROBINSON, wife of the central figure in a famous Mr. "A" case in London in 1926, has returned to England from the United States.

Before going to America, Mrs. Robinson was a resident in Hongkong. She was here for six months before continuing her travels, said she was happy here until the news got round that she was Mrs. Robinson. "So I had to pack up and go to avoid publicity," she said in London.

Ever since the famous Mr. "A" case ended, said Mrs. Robinson, she has been forced to travel.

Besides Hongkong, she lived in France, Germany, Australia, Bermuda, Japan and America.

"Everywhere, however, I was found out," she said. "The 12 years of my life have been hell."

"Now I am home in Britain—my own country—I have definitely finished with roaming. All I ask is to be allowed to settle down and not have people pointing me out as the 'Mrs. Robinson—you remember the case...'

"I have lost all my money, and, to be perfectly frank with you, I feel 'smashed'."

"When I was in New York I was very ill with pneumonia. I have never really recovered from that illness—I feel like an old crook. Now I am home, I am going to rest and get my strength back."

ON ELLIS ISLAND

"What happened to you at Ellis Island. There was some trouble about your permit, was there not?" she was asked.

"Yes, that is true," she replied. "It was all a mistake. I thought that my permit allowed me to stay a year in the United States. Apparently I could stay only 60 days."

"As a result of this I had to spend a fortnight in Ellis Island."

"Now I suppose I must start life all over again—broke and very weary. But I shall find something."

"There is one thing I would like to make quite clear. I have not seen anyone connected with the case since it ended, except my husband."

PLOT ALLEGED

The Mr. "A" case was in November, 1924. Mr. Charles E. Robinson made a claim against the Midland Bank concerning two cheques for £150,000 signed by a Mr. "A", who subsequently was revealed as an Indian prince.

The bank alleged that there was a plot to trap Mr. "A" with Mrs. Robinson, and even the case.

Mr. Robinson is a resident in Jersey City prison awaiting extradition to South Carolina, where he will face a charge of violating the Federal stolen Properties Act.

## Shell As She Used A Bed-warmer

FOR years Mrs. M. Jones, aged 73, of Newhall, Ashley-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, has used a 10-pounder shell as a bed-warmer.

A war relic, it had brought her nightly warmth since she acquired it after the Armistice.

Although it was complete to look at, the careful donor had removed the powder.

Despite its emptiness, Mrs. Jones had never made it more than "just warm."

But when she was taken ill she asked a neighbour, Mrs. Broad, to heat the shell for her.

Mrs. Broad put in in her oven. A few minutes later there was a terrific explosion.

The oven door was blown across the room and much damage was done.

Luckily, Mrs. Broad had just gone out of the room and so escaped injury.

The explanation of the explosion was that the air inside the empty shell expanded and blew the cap off.

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**12,000 TO A SQUARE MILE**

AUSTRALIA, with a population of 4,789,139, has an area of 3,000,000 square miles. Greater London, with a population of 8,250,000, has an area of 693 square miles.

These figures illustrate an Empire contrast.

The Australian total of population estimated by Dr. Roland Wilson, the Commonwealth statistician, shows an increase of 30,025 in nine months.

The total is made up of 3,438,403 males and 3,350,730 females.

Tasmania was the only State to show a decrease in population. This was attributed to migration.

## DON'T LIVE WITH YOUR "IN-LAWS"

MARRYING PARSON'S ADVICE

New York, Feb. 15.

Marry young and don't live with your in-laws is the formula given by the "Marrying Parson" of the Church of the Strangers—a bachelor who has performed 800 wedding ceremonies and made most of them stick by his unique follow-up method.

The Rev. Paul Mansfield Spencer has just finished his yearly lecture at the "Bride and groom" ceremony—an annual gathering of persons whom he has married in the odd little church on West 57th Street. Divorces are so rare among his followers that he had to dig back into dog-eared books to find what he calls "a tragedy."

Two hundred persons attended this year, and there came letters from all over the country and Canada saying little things like "Sorry we can't make it this year" and "the baby is teething" and "Business is keeping us here." Nevertheless, it was a jolly occasion with everybody having sandwiches, coffee and cake. Spencer had married everybody in the room—ushers, organists, choir singers and those who just came to visit.

Spencer philosophized on marriage and explained his technique.

"It is hard to lay down general rules about successful marriage, but I will try," he said.

"Don't marry until you have enough money to live comfortably. Love has got to have something green to live on."

"Have your own home if it's only one room. Under no circumstances should young people live with their in-laws."

"Marry young if you can afford it, because that allows you to adjust your lives to each other before it's too late."

Spencer writes an average of 40 letters a week, to persons whom he has married, advising them on financial matters, family quarrels and the set-up of the home. His mail is heavy and sometimes people travel to New York especially to consult him. Once a woman came in and put a gun on his desk, explaining that she was afraid for her husband to keep it. Spencer gave the gun back to the man.

The Church of the Strangers is like no other church in the world. It belongs to no denomination and its primary purpose is to welcome lonesome people to New York. It was founded during the Civil war as a place where Southerners—then ostracized in the north—could meet, have social affairs and worship. Its doors are always open and Spencer spends much of his time talking with strangers. Asked why he had never married himself, Spencer replied: "I am too busy marrying nice girls to other people."—United Press.

**FREDDIE MAY GO TO OXFORD**

**Or Maybe Cambridge; He Has Not Decided**

Freddie Bartholomew, twelve-year-old British film star, may go to Oxford or Cambridge.

University days are still five or six years away for him, but he is making preparations.

His aunt, Miss Millicent Bartholomew, revealed that Freddie has already written to Oxford and Cambridge and three American universities, asking them for particulars of qualification.

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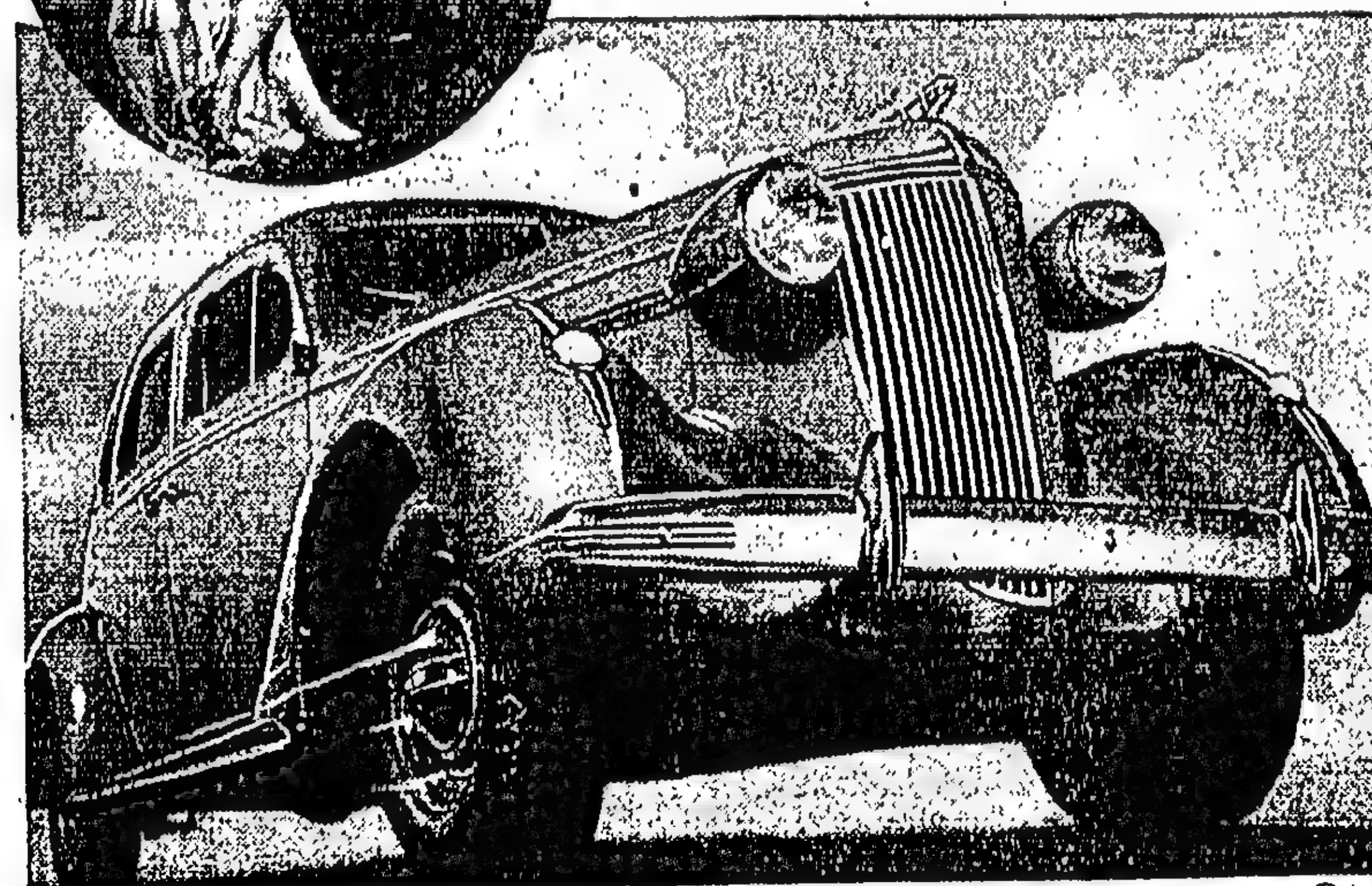


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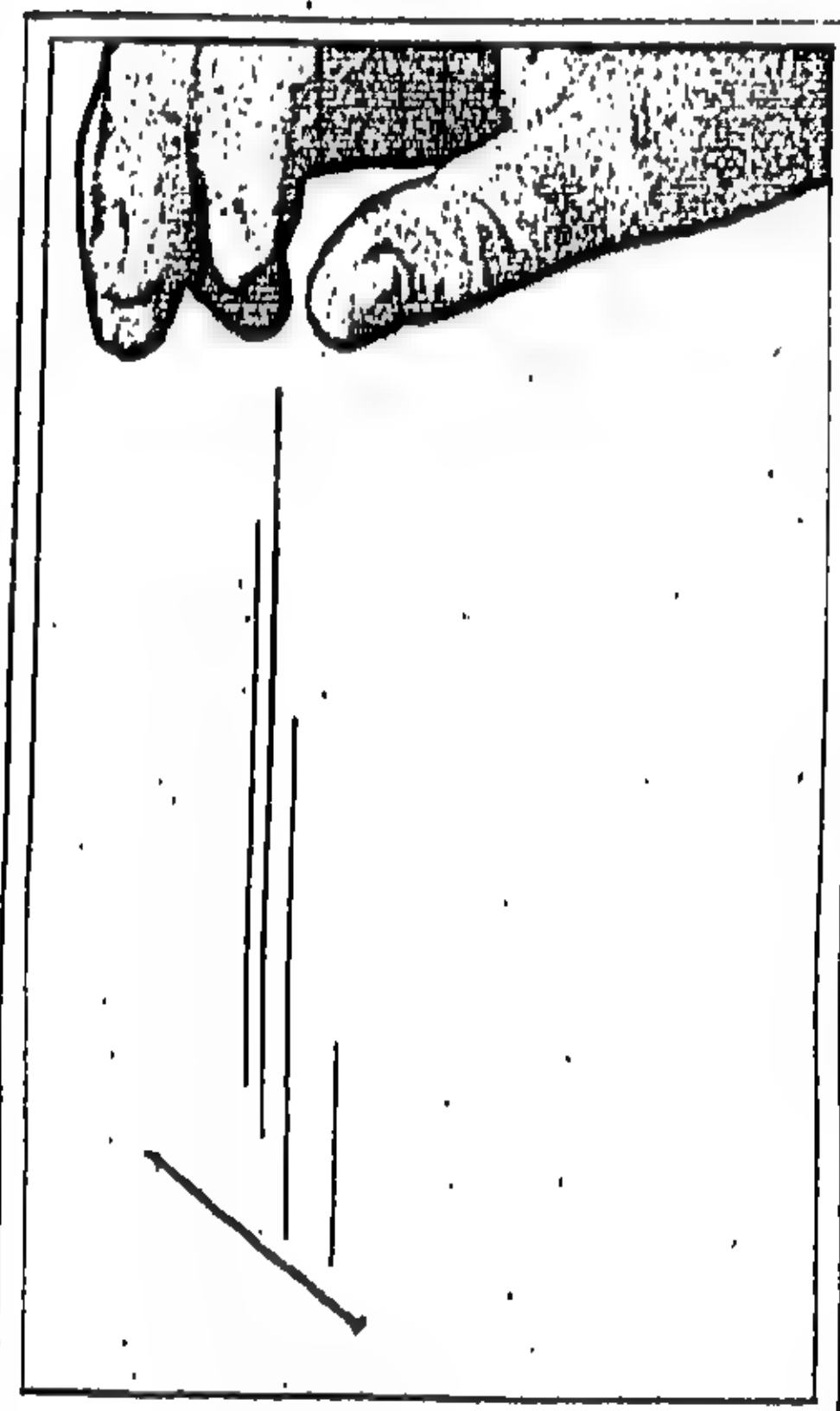
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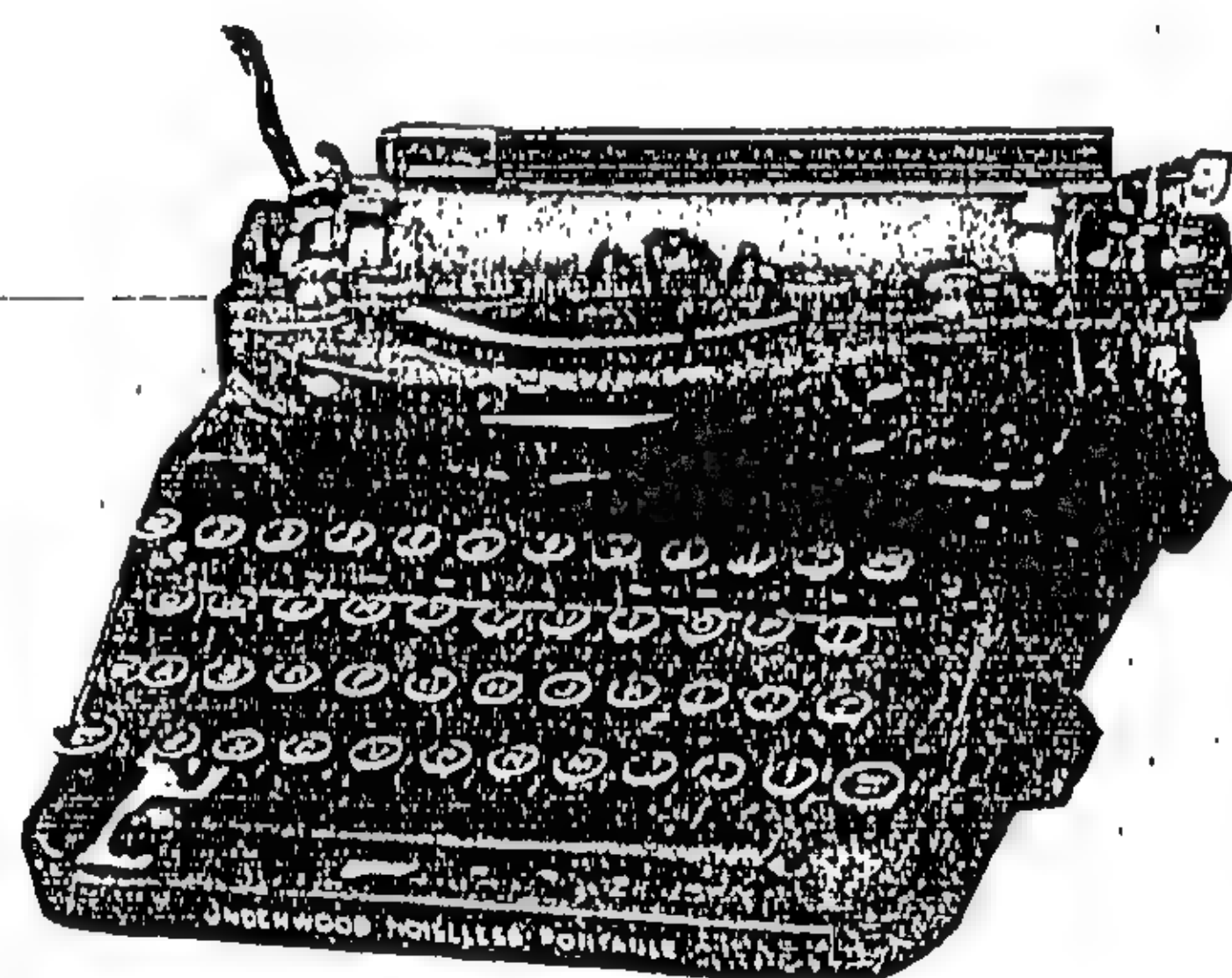


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### CHAPTER 2

Sam's interest increased with each day of the journey. While Fran made friends with an attractive Englishman, Major Lockert, an urbane man-

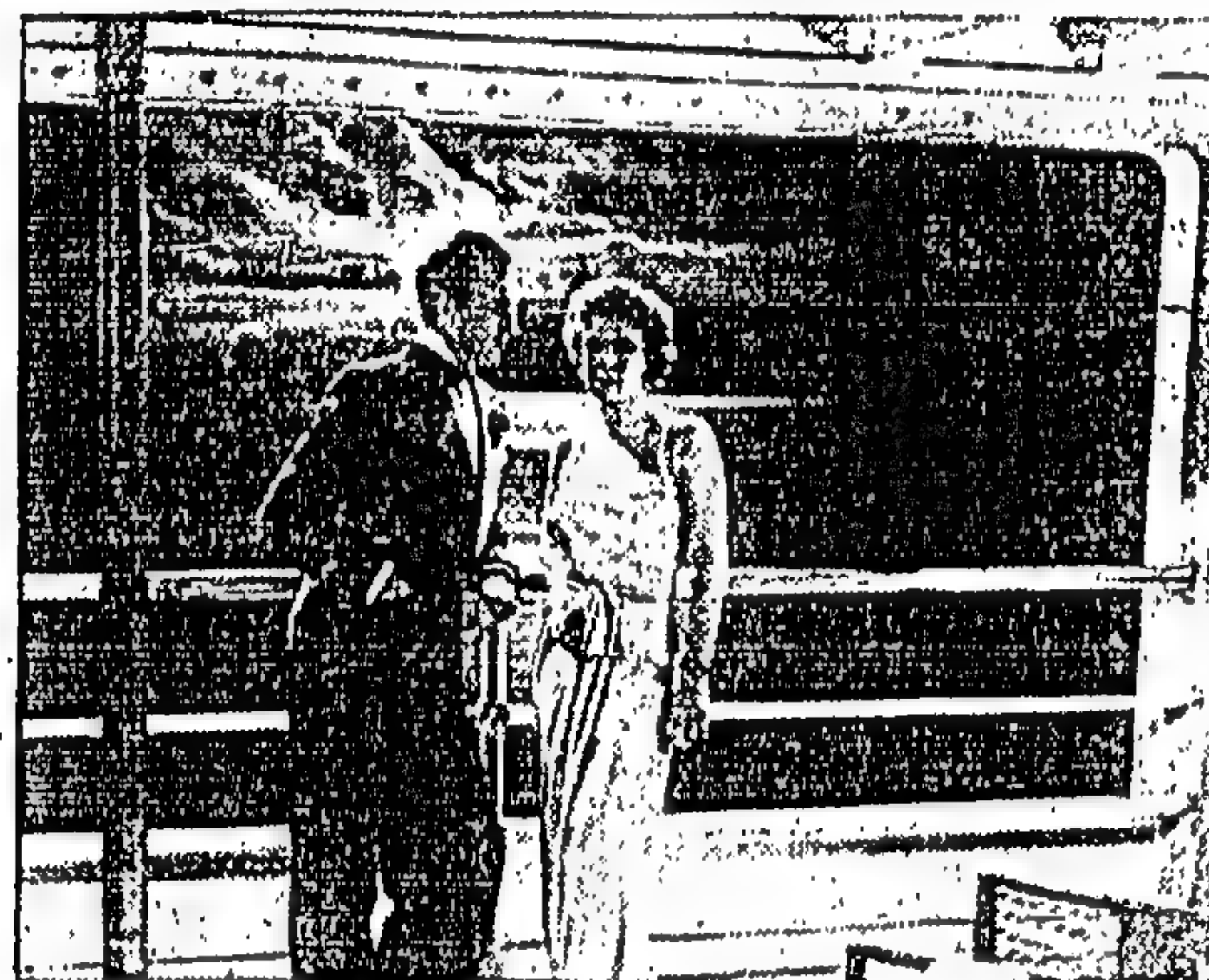
wheelers go around, aboard ship and in the world. Or else he was on the forward deck, peering eagerly into space, like a Columbus in reverse, for first signs of the old country.

The affair between Fran and Lockert had, therefore, progressed marvelously—up to a certain point. And then the Englishman had actually insulted her. Yes, Fran insisted, he had insulted her. He had kissed her shoulder!

Major Lockert was in turn offended. "You're taking a wickedly unfair advantage of me!" he cried. "I thought I was doing what was expected of me."

Fran was scandalized. "What I expected of you?"

There's a tradition about this sort of thing," Major Lockert insisted. "Fran put on her worldiest manner. 'I thought civilized people knew where an innocent flirtation stops.'"



The flirtation between Fran and Lockert progressed marvellously—up to a point.

of-the-world. Dodsworth found fruitful acquaintances in the engine-room, and would spend hours admiring the giant turbines and the polished, intricate mechanism—skin to his plant in Zenith.

"Makes me wish I'd built ships instead of automobiles," he yelled above the din to his friend, the Chief Engineer.

The Chief grinned. "Well, if you had, he would have had to see the ocean on a Sunday afternoon."

Even pleasanter prospects were in store for Dodsworth, helping him confirm what he wished so desperately to believe—that he had made a wise decision in giving up his business. All his life he had dreamed of some day seeing England, the home of his forefathers, the land of Shakespeare and Dickens, the country of Oliver Twist and Sherlock Holmes, the country beyond dreams. England! Mother England! And each day brought his dream closer to reality. With incredible speed, the huge ship swept the waters, bringing the British shore nearer and nearer.

The first of Dodsworth's great disappointments came on the last day of the voyage, when he rushed to Fran, filled with exuberance. He had just sighted Bishop's light, behind which lay England!

He found Fran in tears. What she had intended as a mild flirtation with the attractive Major Lockert had ended in disaster. It had all been wonderfully enjoyable up to a certain point. Dodsworth was rarely around to disturb them, being occupied mainly in the engine room, where he concerned himself with professional matters and the Chief Engineer on what made the

Major Lockert smiled. "For a civilized woman who's been married as long as you have, you're making a good deal of a small matter."

He intended this to anger Fran, and it did.

"It isn't a small matter with me!" she shouted furiously.

"I offer you my most abject apologies," said Lockert.

He also offered her some excellent advice—advice that sent her into the air with rage. The manner in which the advice was given was even more offensive to her than the advice itself.

He treated her as if she were a silly schoolgirl.

"Give up starting things you aren't prepared to finish," he admonished. "You think you're a woman of the world. You're nothing of the sort. Why, any modern school girl would know how to handle herself better than you do."

There was more of this nature. The upshot was that Dodsworth found his wife in tears.

The more she tried to explain, the more bewildered Dodsworth found himself, and the more helpless.

"I suppose it's up to me to go out and shoot him," he said, trying feebly to make a jest of it. "I would feel like a fool. And anyway, it's your own fault for flirting with him. You must have given him some excuse."

This led to more tears, and bitter words that required smoothing out. Fran, when peace had been established, came the bombshell.

"Don't let's go to England," Fran pleaded. "I can't go to England where that man is—nighing at me!"

And so the Dodsworths went to France instead.

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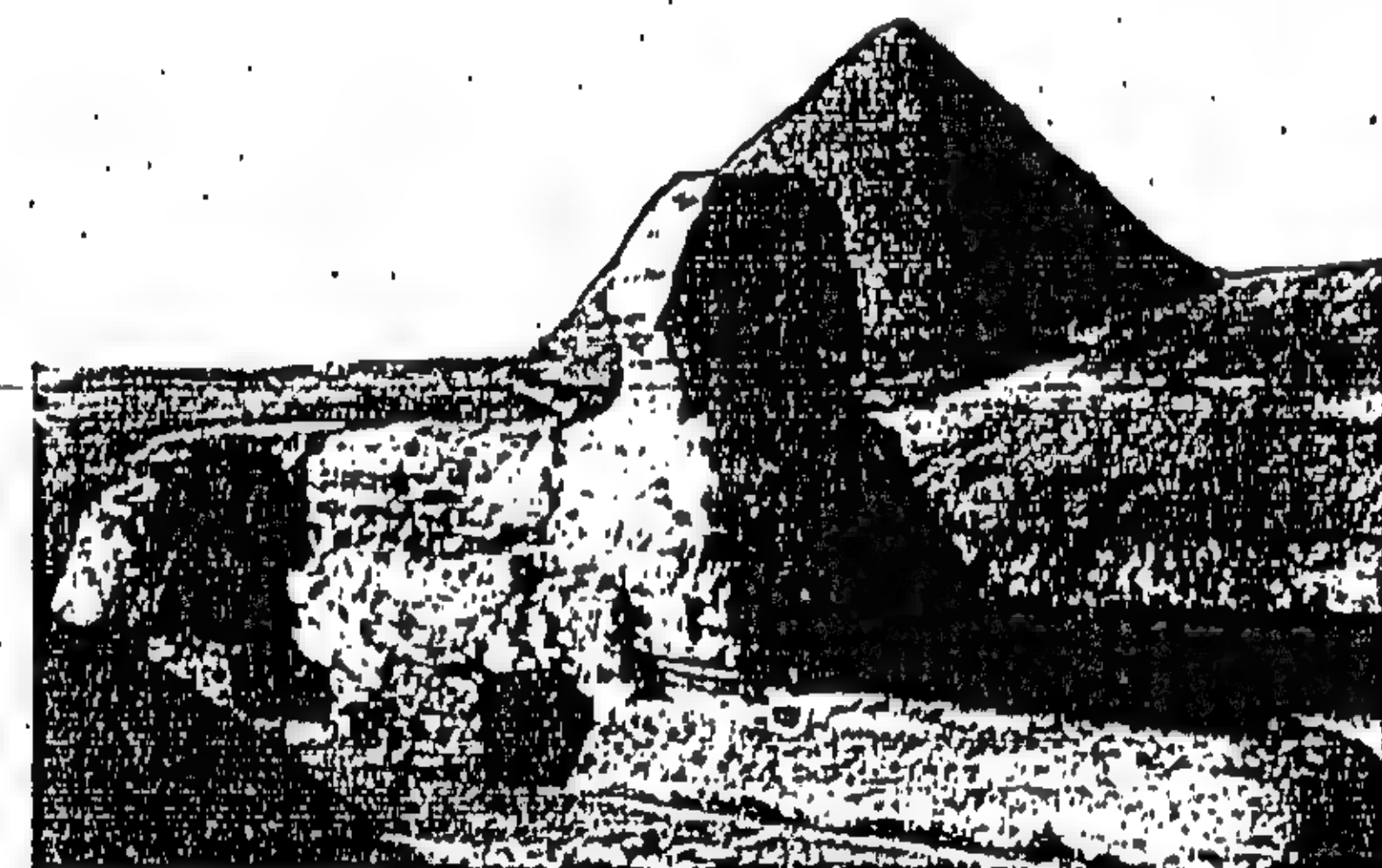
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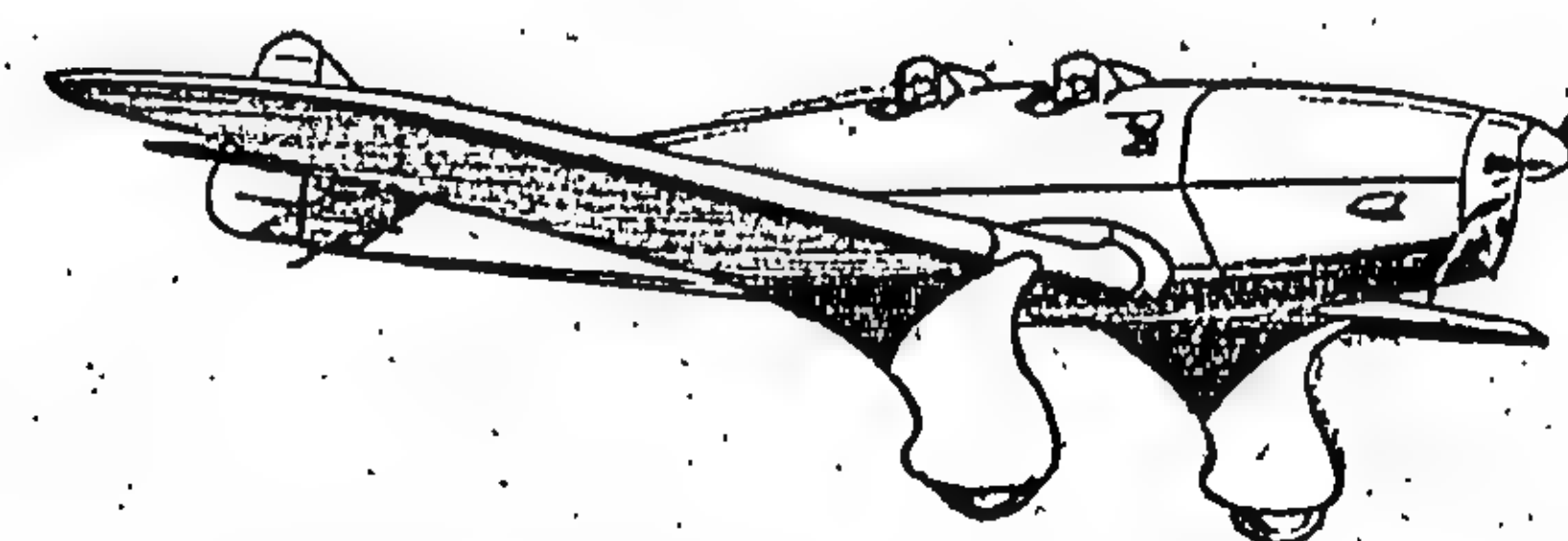
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## NEED TO BEAT SEAFORTHS TO-DAY

### INTERPORT SOCCER SCHEDULE

(By "Veritas")

The evening of Hongkong's 1936-37 football season is approaching, and there is small room to doubt that at least the first division league championship will have been decided by the end of March. Ulster Rifles appear to have passed their chief obstacles, though to-day they face a task which will test them to the full. If they survive, they have only matches with the Fusiliers and South China "B" to worry about.

This afternoon their opponents are the Seaforth Highlanders, and it will be surprising if this match does not produce some of the most exciting and spectacular football of the entire season.

The Highlanders have now become one of the most feared teams in the first division. They have done extraordinarily well in the short time they have been here, portending a brilliant season to come.

Rifles are worthy leaders of the first division, but though boasting an infinitely more impressive league record than the Seaforths, have only the slightest edge over their Scottish opponents. If anything I favour a division of points to-day.

Rifles will be doubly anxious to win because it looks as though South China "A" and "B" must cut each other's throats. They clash this afternoon and whether one or the other wins, or a draw results, Rifles will benefit so long as they can garner two points from the Seaforths.

#### LOOK GOOD FOR TITLE

Looked at from every angle, the Rifles strike one as being in a particularly strong position for the championship.

Navy's troubles of team-raising will be at an end after this week, but so far as their game against Club to-day is concerned, appearances suggest a couple of points for the civilians.

Recreio will at last have an opportunity of seeing how Carlos Remedios the Shanghai Interporter fits in with their ideas. They are at home to Eastern and I expect to see the Portuguese lads win.

Kowloon, the surprise team of the New Year meet the Police, and one hesitates to make a definite prophecy concerning the result. If anything I feel one must regard Kowloon's chances of winning as being the

stronger, but a draw is the most likely outcome.

Navy, South China "A" and South China "B" all play a second match over the week-end on Sunday. Navy oppose Chinese Athletic and may pull off a win on the Causeway Bay enclosure. South China "A" should beat Kowloon Chinese, who seem to

#### "CUBBY" ALLEN'S BLACK DAY



G. O. B. Allen, the English Test captain, who was right out of luck yesterday when the fifth Test started, losing the toss, and then dropping Fingleton and McCabe after they had scored but a few runs. McCabe went on to contribute 112.

have fallen by the wayside, while South China "B" look good for points against St. Joseph's, despite the latter's exceptionally smart showing against the Rifles last week.

#### Scottish Hockey Players Needed

Lieut. R. D. MacLagan, the Seaforth Highlanders, Murray Barracks, will be glad if hockey players, who are qualified for Scotland in the local International Tournament, would kindly submit their names to him as early as possible.

#### K.C.C. CELEBRATE WINNING OF THE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

##### FINE TEAM SPIRIT

The very fine team spirit which has prevailed throughout the season was stressed in speeches by Mr. Ezra Abraham, Mr. Arthur Dand, Mr. Frank Goodwin and Mr. W. Mulcahy, last evening when the K.C.C. celebrated the winning of the second division cricket shield with a steak and kidney pudding and the presentation of the trophy and mementoes.

Mr. Abraham, vice-President of the Club presided over a cheery gathering, and in handing the shield to Mr. Dand, the second eleven captain, offered the sincere congratulations of the club to him and his team upon their success. He was safe, he said, in observing that a very fine team spirit had been shown by all of the players during the season, and this, together with Mr. Dand's good captaincy, had brought the championship to the club.

#### NO. 11 HASN'T BATTED!

Mr. Dand, in acknowledgment also paid tribute to the players as a whole, saying that the secret of their success lay in the fact that they were a TEAM. It was noteworthy that as yet this season they had not had to call on their No. 11 man to bat, yet everybody had played his part in the team's victories. He commended particularly the capable work of Mr. Mulcahy as deputy captain when he (the speaker) was incapacitated and could not play in some of the games. He knew he was voicing the feelings of the whole of the second eleven when he said that they only thing they regretted was that the first eleven was not also celebrating the winning of the senior championship, and the thing they hoped for next year was a dual celebration. They noted with satisfaction that two or three of the junior members of the club had displayed most promising form and that augured well for the future of the K.C.C. in local cricket.

Mr. Frank Goodwin, captain of the first eleven, in congratulating the second team on their achievement, pointed out that if any indication were needed of the fact that the side had played together with a real team spirit it was to be found in the fact that to date this season the team had played twelve matches, won seven, drawn five and lost none. These were most creditable figures.

#### ALL DID SOMETHING

Mr. W. Mulcahy spoke briefly and said that although it was true that they had not called upon their No. 11 to bat during the season, it was equally true to say that at one time or another every member of the team had played an important part in the matches.

Mr. Ezra Abraham then distributed memento silver shields to the members of the team which he had himself kindly donated.

#### CLUB CRICKETERS WILL CONTINUE WITH THE NEW L. B. W. RULE

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

If there is anything wrong with cricket, it does not apply to Saturday afternoon club cricket—which, surely, is the backbone of the game.

At the annual meeting of the Club Cricket Conference in London Mr. E. A. C. Thomson, indefatigable secretary, will report a membership of 1,200 clubs.

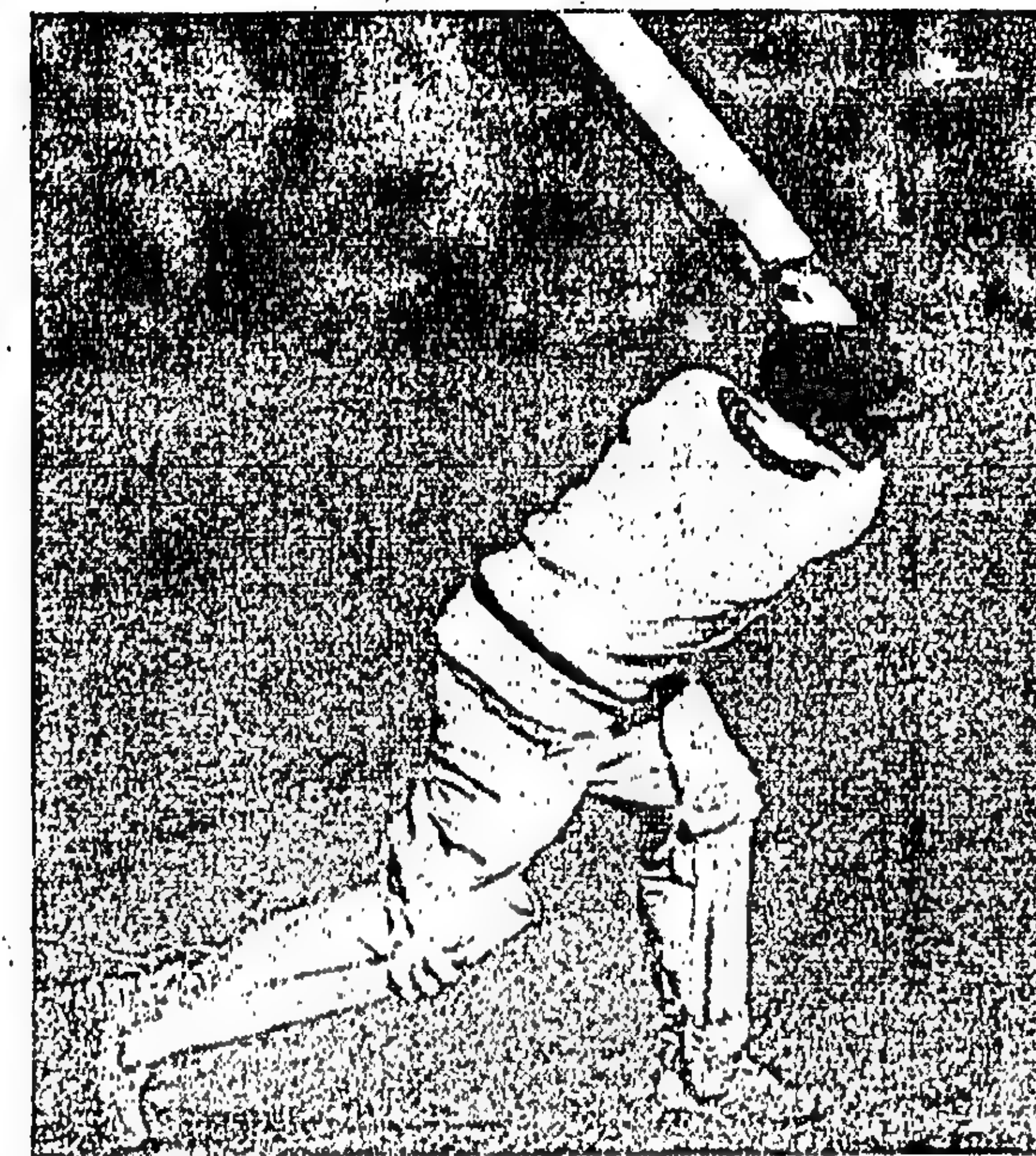
In the early days of the conference a mere handful of clubs paid subscriptions—and it has to be remembered that the present membership of 1,200 is mainly confined to the south.

When one reflects on the vast number of amateur clubs in the Midlands and north, and others in the south who are outside the conference, it is plain that a great army plays the grand old game.

The gates at these week-end games are confined to fathers, sweethearts, wives, and friends of the players. The game, and only that, counts, and they are all very conservative about it.

When the M.C.C. brought in higher and wider stumps club cricketers went on the defensive and there was

#### HE BREAKS ANY BOWLER'S HEART!



Characteristic study of Don Bradman, that amazing batsman, who yesterday scored 165 for Australia in the fifth Test, and remained unbeaten.

#### Schoolboys Football League

#### SPLENDID MATCH INAUGURATES TOURNEY

#### FINE WIN FOR C.B.S.

A magnificent display by both teams provided a fitting opening to the Schoolboys' Football League yesterday afternoon when Central British School and the Royal Welch Fusiliers Boys met in this competition on the former's ground.

Played in a splendid sporting spirit, the match, won by the Central British School by the odd goal in three, was a delightful example of clever, clean soccer. At times the standard of play reached a very high level, and never did the game lose its interest, and even excitement for the spectators.

Central British won worthily, though full credit must be given to the Fusiliers credit for their brave endeavour to force a draw. They had one big chance in the first half when they were awarded a penalty, but Jeffrey, who gave a very smart and efficient display of goalkeeping for the schoolboys, saved in handsome style. The winners were notably served by Jeffrey in goal, and the Pryde brothers. W. K. Pryde at centre-half dominated the middle of the field and incidentally scored a spectacular goal while W. G. Pryde at centre-forward was the most dangerous raider on view and obtained the winners' second point.

If this same type of football is going to feature the rest of the games, the Schoolboys' League is assured of a very successful future, and will become one of the most important football competitions in the Colony.

#### Guy's Hospital Cup Rugby Win

London, Feb. 26.

Playing in the London Hospitals Cup rugby competition to-day, Guy's Hospital defeated Charing Cross Hospital by 16 points to eight.—*Reuter.*

#### BAN ON HEAVY NIBBLICK

#### GOLF SHOT MADE TOO EASY

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

Daily Telegraph Golf Correspondent

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club proposes to ban the use of the heavy type of niblick known variously as the "sand-wedge," "blaster," and "howitzer."

An announcement to this effect will, I understand, shortly be made from St. Andrews.

This particular type of club, first invented in America, has become extremely popular amongst every class of golfer, because it produces extraordinary results without the exercise of much skill, or effort.

For this reason, and because it typifies the case against a player "buying a shot over the counter," the club is to be made illegal.

The "sand wedge," weighing between 20 and 24 ounces, derives its name from a huge flange of metal on the sole of the club.

#### LIMIT ON THICKNESS OF SOLE

It is used for recovery shots from bunkers and bad lies in the rough. The flange slides along the surface of the sand, and the ball jumps up automatically.

The Royal and Ancient specification will, it is understood, make a club illegal which has a sole more than 1/2 in. thick and a front edge that does not lie flush with the ground. With some of the round-soled "sand wedges" it is possible to insert a lead pencil between the front edge and the turf.

Many thousands of these clubs have been sold at prices ranging from a guinea to 30s. each. All will come under the official ban.

#### I Am Not Packing Up, Says Petersen

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

"I took a hiding from Walter Neusel, who was too tough for me, but I am not packing up," Jack Petersen told me before he left London for his home in Cardiff. Neusel's strength was greater than mine, and I know now that I cannot beat him. But there are others for me to fight."

Petersen did not hate "the others," but stated that he would be returning to the ring soon.

Neusel is having a short holiday in Paris, but before he went Len Harvey offered to meet him for a £1,000 stake. Petersen stated that the match was "on" if Harvey made it £2,000. Two years ago Harvey fought a 12-rounds draw with Neusel at Wembley.

## 1st Div. Cricket Championship Nearing Climax

### IMPORTANT MATCH NEXT WEEK

(By "Veritas")

THE second division cricket championship is already settled (so much so that, as you will find elsewhere in these columns, the K.C.C. celebrated the event last night), but teams do not get to grips again for the senior division title until next Saturday, so that there is little news of vital interest in the local cricket world at the moment.

Probably the most important league encounter of the season will be staged on March 6, when Club and I.R.C. meet on the former's ground.

The position is that a win outright for the Indians gives them the championship. A win for the Club will give them a lead of one point with both teams to play a match. If I.R.C. should draw their last game with K.C.C., Club can also afford to draw with Craigengower, but if I.R.C. should beat K.C.C., Club must also beat Craigengower.

It is an interestingly speculative position, and it looks as though a mighty exciting finish to the league season is in store.

Club will be given some good practice to-day when they visit K.C.C. for a friendly match. In the League, the Club won somewhat unexpectedly; may a little sensationally, for after Holden had been knocked all over the place in his first two overs, he carried on and skittled out the rest of the mainland side.

Holden will be given a severer test to-day on the K.C.C. wicket which rarely offers much advantage to bowlers, and if he can meet with anything like the same success, there will be no question as to the possibilities of this young player as a future Interporter.

The Indians are without a game, and the only other first division fixture is that between Civil Service and Craigengower—also a friendly. Civil Service may well win this as they have shown consistently improved form this season.

In the junior section, three friendly engagements are on tap. Club will have a chance of taking revenge for the league debacle when they receive K.C.C., who may not be at full strength.

#### GOOD FOR THE SCHOOLS

Central British School are hosts to Civil Service, and the Government Servants need not expect a walk-over. C.B.S. can turn out one of the smartest school teams seen for a long time in the Colony. The Indians entertain Queen's College, another very fine school XI.

Incidentally it is very pleasant and encouraging to see the school teams given the opportunity of playing against the various clubs in the

Colony. It provides excellent experience for the boys, particularly their bowlers, who have a chance of coming against capable batsmen.

The Volunteers played three very successful matches during Race week and did well to win two. I was sorry to discover that I had completely missed reference to Holden's hat-trick against the Club, but the cause was that owing to stress of other work I could not remain on the ground to watch the Volunteers' innings and I had no idea that Holden had bowled with such success.

It can be fairly described as Holden's match, for the young man came to the rescue of the Club in their knock and put together a very good 62, following this up with his hat-trick.

I saw Souza bowl in two of the games and thought he sent down some uncommonly good stuff, though he was inclined to be overworked. But he is a player of distinct promise, and that century of his against the K.C.C. was an admirable piece of work.

#### BADMINTON

### Free Lances Lose Again To Varsity

#### FIXTURES NEARLY COMPLETED

Free Lances, playing their last but one mixed doubles match of the season last evening, lost a second time to the University, the final score being 9-3.

It was a closely contested match, but once again the Free Lances found the court difficult and played below form accordingly.

J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths did well to win two sets, while Mrs. Shute and her son Warwick secured the other.

The loss of this match may well cost Free Lances the runners-up position in the mixed doubles league. The present standings are as follows.

#### LEAGUE TABLE

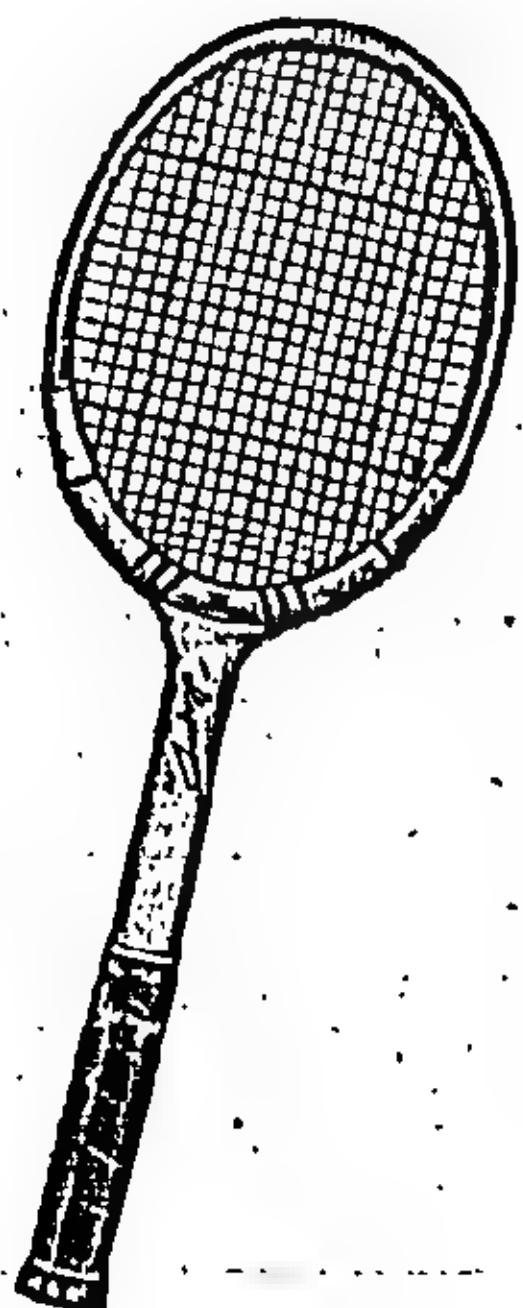
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Recreio "A" .....	8	8	0	05	7	16
Free Lances .....	11	6	0	58	38	12
Recreio "B" .....	9	5	4	31	50	10
C.R.C. ....	6	3	2	28	17	6
University .....	6	3	3	23	22	6
Kowloon Tong .....	9	2	7	23	07	4
St. John's .....	10	2	8	23	07	4

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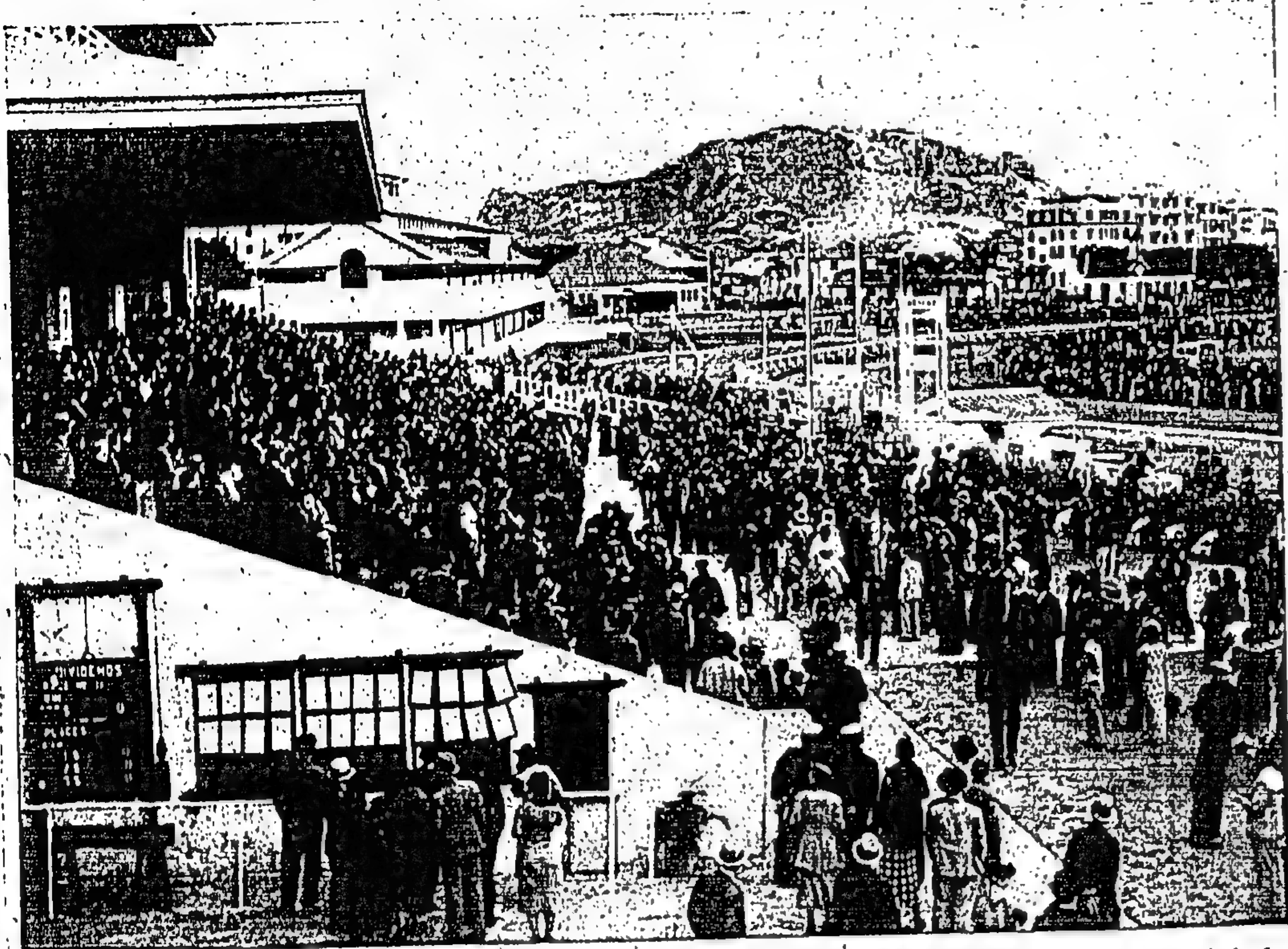


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## HAPPY VALLEY WILL LOOK LIKE THIS TO-DAY



This afternoon brings about the close of Hongkong's annual race meeting, and doubtless this scene, which was typical of the first four days, will be reproduced. This excellent picture, showing the vast crowds which are attracted to the Happy Valley racetrack during the Annual Carnival, was taken by our staff photographer on a Derby Day.

## Hauptmann's Defender Is Insane

New York, Feb. 26. A petition that Mr. Edward Reilly, noted criminal lawyer, be declared insane was granted in the New York Supreme Court to-day.

Mr. Reilly defended the late Bruno Hauptmann, who was electrocuted for the murder of the Lindbergh baby.

A medical expert, giving evidence, said that worry over the Hauptmann case, coupled with domestic trouble, was responsible for the breakdown of the mind of the lawyer.—Reuter.

## RAIN PROBABLE

The anticyclone appears to have dispersed, and another of moderate intensity is forming over North China. Pressure is relatively low over the Sea of Japan, the Leeches and Indo-China. Local forecast: N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy, probably rain later.

## COOLIE STEALS HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE BOUND OVER

Brought on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning a coolie of the Government Civil Hospital was bound over in \$100 for a year on a charge of having stolen two suits of Government khaki uniform, valued at \$10.

Sergeant Sullivan said that owing to there having been many larcenies at the Government Civil Hospital the coolies employed there were searched on February 23. Defendant could not account for his missing uniforms but after further enquiries it was revealed that he had sold them for \$1.70. One of the suits had been dyed black.

Defendant said that owing to financial difficulties he had sold the suits that were issued to him. It was a private sale and he had intended to redeem the suits when he could.

Among other expenses he had to buy opium for his own consumption.

Considering the fact that defendant would lose his job, Mr. Keen bound him over and ordered him to pay \$5, from his forthcoming wages, to cover the damage to the dyed suit.

## Italy Builds Strong Base In Mediterranean

Rome, Feb. 26. A decree forbidding planes from flying within eight miles of the island of Pantelleria has been issued. It is taken as confirming reports that this barren island commanding the passage between Sicily and Africa is to be converted into a heavily fortified base.

Fortifications were installed on the island during the period in which sanctions were in force against Italy. The island commands narrow straits in the Eastern Mediterranean and is for this purpose even better placed than Malta.—Reuter Special.

## WATERBOAT DIVIDEND

At the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., the Consulting Committee will recommend that a dividend of 45 cents per share be paid for the year ended December 31, 1936.

## Chang's Old Army Not To Be Removed KANSU TOO POOR TO SUPPORT IT

Shanghai, Feb. 27. Delay in the transfer of Chang Tsueh-liang's former army from Shensi to Kansu may be prolonged indefinitely, according to the vernacular press reports, which give the poverty of Kansu as the reason for the change of plan.

Evidently this was a subject of recent discussions at Fenghuang between Chang and General Chiang Ting-wen and General Wang Shu-shang.

General Shao Li-tze, Governor of Shensi until the December rebellion, has accepted the post of chairman of the Central Publicity Department of the Kuomintang, in succession to Mr. Liu Lu-yang, who is at present lodged at the Chiang Kai-shek headquarters, held on charge of complicity in two political killings. Proceedings against Liu are scheduled to commence in the First District Court on Monday.—Reuter.

## LABOUR REFORM PLANNED

Washington, Feb. 26. Well-informed quarters state that President Roosevelt has definitely linked labour legislation with his judicial reform program, but that he is withholding any message to Congress on these new developments for at least a month. First, he wishes to observe the progress of the court fight.

It is reliably stated that he will ask for a new omnibus statute on wages and hours, discarding the suggestion of such methods as corporation licensing. It is believed his message will deal exclusively with working conditions, not mentioning business regulation.—United Press.

## "BAER STILL A BUM"

New York, Feb. 26. At the request of Madison Square Garden, Max Baer has been granted a licence to fight Pastor on March 10. But Baer may refuse to accept it.

Mr. William Brown, of the New York Athletic Commission, who yesterday opposed Baer's application, calling him "a bum," said to-day: "I am quite willing to co-operate with the Garden or anyone else promoting fights. However, I have not changed my opinion of Baer. He is still a bum."

Baer's manager announced that his fighter was sailing for London on schedule. He plans to fight in London, probably meeting Ben Foord.—United Press.

## All-British Hockey Team For Australia

An all-British Women's hockey team will, it is understood, visit Australia this year, to compete in the Brisbane hockey carnival, an important event in the southern hemisphere. The occasion will be unique, says Austral News, an English team visited Australia in 1927, but an all-British team has never previously toured overseas.

## BIG CROWDS AT VALLEY

(Continued from Page 1.)

started at least twice and have not won. One Mile.

Messrs. Koo and Lo's Tempest (152 lbs.) (Mr. T. L. Wong) 1  
Messrs. T. and E.'s Whiskey (153 lbs.) (Mr. H. J. Hearn) 2  
Mr. Brail's Prospero (152 lbs.) (Mr. V. V. Needa) 3  
Thirteen starters.  
Won by a head; two lengths.  
Time: 2 min. 07.1/5 secs.  
Parl-mutuel: — Winner \$7.20.  
Places \$6.30; \$21.90; \$8.60.

3.—The Griffins Spring Handicap.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting that have started at least twice, and have not won. One Mile.

Mr. Dynasty's King's Coronation (147 lbs.) (Mr. F. Marshall) 1  
Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rob Roy (153 lbs.) (Mr. E. C. Leighton) 2  
Messrs. Li and Li's Centre Forward (158 lbs.) (Mr. D. S. Li) 3  
Ten starters.  
Won by a neck; a length.  
Time: 2 min. 00.1/5 secs.  
Parl-mutuel: — Winner \$23.40.  
Places \$12.20; \$11.70; \$10.20.

4.—The Flemington Plate.—Winner \$800. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting that have started at least twice, and have not won, and Australian Ponies of any Season that have not won \$1,000 or more in stakes at Race Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1936. Five Furlongs.

Messrs. Yeung and Tai's Double Finesse (157 lbs.) (Mr. L. G. Frost) 1  
Mr. Lee Chi-choh's Honey (155 lbs.) (Mr. V. C. Sung) 2  
Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Blanford (151 lbs.) (Mr. E. C. Leighton) 3  
Twelve starters.  
Won by three lengths; three lengths.  
Time: 1 min. 03.3/5 secs.  
Parl-mutuel: — Winner \$8.80.  
Places \$6.00; \$9.20; \$10.20.

5.—The Professional Cup and Subscription Griffins Championships.—A Sweepstakes of \$25 each for Starters. A Cup Presented, \$500 to the Winner (157 lbs.) (Mr. L. G. Frost) \*3  
Mr. L.C.L.'s Pagan Love (153 lbs.) (Mr. F. Marshall) \*3  
Six starters.  
Won by two lengths; length and half.  
Time: 2 min. 30.4/5 secs.  
Parl-mutuel: — Winner \$8.20.  
Places \$5.10; \$5.10; Coronation Day and Pagan Love, \$5.10 each.

6.—The Pagan Love Handicap.—Winner \$800. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).  
Mr. Lan's Night View (168 lbs.) (Mr. T. L. Wong) 1  
Mr. L. Reidy's Pride of Tinsiao (140 lbs.) (Mr. Y. P. Fung) 2  
Messrs. Li and Li's Miracle (157 lbs.) (Mr. D. S. Li) 3  
Sixteen starters.  
Won by two lengths; length and half.  
Time: 2 min. 10 3/5 secs.  
Parl-mutuel: — Winner \$9.00. Places \$6.00; \$9.30; \$10.90.

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

New York Cotton	
March	12.82/83 12.84/84
May	12.60/61 12.62/63
July	12.42/43 12.45/46
October	11.89/90 11.94/94
December	11.84/84 11.89/89
January	11.87/87 11.88/88
Spot	13.20 13.27

New York Rubber	
March	21.02/03 21.06/05n
May	21.00/01 21.05/07
July	22.14/15 22.07/08
Sept.	22.20/21 22.07/08
Dec.	22.25n 22.12n

Total sales: 3,070 tons.

Chicago Wheat	
May	130 1/2/131 131 1/2/131 1/2
July	130 1/2/131 131 1/2/131 1/2
Sept.	110 1/2/110 1/2 110 3/4/110 3/4

Thursday's sales: 45,568,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn	
May	105 1/2/106 107/107 1/2
July	91 1/2/91 1/2 102 1/2/102 1/2
Sept.	94 1/2/94 1/2 95 1/2/95 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat	
May	123/123 1/2 124 1/2/124 1/2
July	119 1/2/119 1/2 120 1/2/120 1/2
Oct.	108 1/2/108 1/2 109 1/2/109 1/2

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Selling	
T.T.	1s. 2.27/32
Demand	1s. 2.27/32
T.T. Shanghai	101 1/2
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. India	108
T.T. U.S.A.	81 1/2
T.T. Manila	30 1/2
T.T. Batavia	60
T.T. Bangkok	54 1/2
T.T. Saigon	140 1/2
T.T. Germany	6.49
T.T. Switzerland	75
T.T. Australia	132 1/2

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By Claud Golding

NO foreign poet ever got closer to the heart of an Englishman than Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Who is not familiar with "The Village Blacksmith," "Excelsior," "The Wreck of the Hesperus," and "A Psalm of Life," to mention a few of his smaller poems?

Consider, too, what an institution "Hawthorne" to Coleridge-Taylor's music, has become in this country. When the bust of Longfellow was placed in the Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey in 1884 it was a testimony of England's love and respect for this great American poet. Charles Kingsley once said that Longfellow had the most beautiful human face he had ever seen. He was extremely handsome with his broad forehead, his clear eyes, straight nose and perfect lips and chin.

In later years his long hair was silvery white, matching his long beard.

It would be difficult for a biographer to find anything in the life of Longfellow. The high moral tone of his poems reflects his own ideals and illustrates his character.

Longfellow was always accessible; never too busy to talk to a caller, or write a letter of sympathy to a sufferer. Sometimes children would hang round his garden at Craigie House, once occupied by George Washington, hoping to get a glimpse of the poet.

He would never turn them away, and always assumed that they had come to see Washington's study. Taking them by the hand he would show them where the great General had worked.

He was never known to refuse to write his autograph. So long as he could write he would sign his name for anyone who asked him to do so.

Many a young writer was assisted by Longfellow, and even when the half-demented Edgar Allan Poe was making scurrilous attacks on him, Longfellow was giving enthusiastic lectures on Poe's poetry.

Longfellow was born at Portland, Maine, on February 27, 1807. An ancestor, William Longfellow, had immigrated to Newbury, Massachusetts, from Yorkshire in 1676.

The poet was the son of Stephen Longfellow, a lawyer, and United States congressman. He was born in what was little more than a village; hence his poems are coloured with village scenery.

Twenty-five miles away from his home was Brunswick, in a region famous for romantic stories of Indians nesting among "primeval pines." It was at a college in this town that Longfellow graduated.

Before he had reached the age of 18 he had written poems, and during his college life he wrote several pieces for the United States Library Gazette, a magazine published at Boston. These were printed in a late edition of his works. Among them is the "Burial of the Minutemen," the "Hymn of the Moravian Nuns of Bethlehem at the Consecration of the Bazaar," "Woods in Winter," and "April Day."

Some of these show qualities never surpassed by Longfellow. After his college life, Longfellow spent a period in the law office of his father, but he was soon appointed to a professorship of modern languages at his college, and travelled for some years to perfect himself for his duties.

He visited Spain and Germany, and in 1835 he was chosen successor to Professor Ticknor, professor of modern languages and literature at the university of Cambridge, near Boston.

On receiving this appointment he again visited Europe, devoting special attention to Scandinavia and Switzerland. During this visit he lost his wife, whom he had married in 1831.

Longfellow soon settled down in Boston, attracted by its cultivated society. In 1839 he published "Hyperion: a Romance," and his first volume of poetry entitled "Voices of the Night."

"Hyperion," which gave a record of his travels, was extremely popular. Five years later he published a small volume of ballads which included "The Skeleton in Armour," "The Wreck of the Hesperus," "The Village Blacksmith" and "Excelsior."

In the same year he paid his third visit to Europe, spending the summer on the Rhine.

Returning to America, he wrote on the ship his "Poems on Slavery," which opened the eyes of the New England youth and led indirectly to the Civil War.

In 1843 he married for the second time, his wife being Miss Frances Elizabeth Appleton, of Boston, the daughter of the Hon. Nathan Appleton. About the same time he bought Craigie House, built about the beginning of the 18th century, and occupied by George Washington in 1776. This was his chief residence to the date of his death.

In 1843 appeared "The Spanish Student," a play in three acts, and two years later "The Poets and Poetry of Europe."

His greatest work, "Evangeline," was published in 1847. It is the story of a young couple who were separated on the day of their wedding through the removal by the British Government of a colony of French settlers from Acadia (Nova Scotia) in 1755.

The bride is depicted wandering in search of her husband. Finally, she discovers him—an old man on his deathbed in a hospital which she had joined as a nurse.

This poem attained a wide popularity in England. One of the poems in the collection, "Senside and the Fireside," contains "Hymn for my Brother's Ordination."

His brother, the Rev. Samuel Longfellow, was a pastor of the Unitarian Church. Longfellow resigned his professorship in 1854, and next year he published his "Song of Hiawatha," and, in 1858, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," dealing with an incident in the early history of the American colony.

In 1861 Longfellow was bereaved by the death of his wife through her dress catching fire, and it was a long time before he recovered from the blow.

It was two years before he published "Tales of a Wayside Inn," "The Children's Hour," one of his Household Poems (1865), illustrates the happiness of his life with his five children, two sons and three daughters.

In his "Book of Sonnets" are five sonnets entitled "Three Friends of Mine," the friends being Cornelius Felton, Louis Agassiz, and Charles Sumner, whom he calls:

"The noble three,  
Who half my life were more than  
friends to me?"

The death of Agassiz was a great blow, and when Sumner also died he wrote:

"Thou hast but taken thy lamp  
and gone to bed;  
I stay a little longer, as one stays  
To cover up the embers that still  
burn."

In the last years of his life Longfellow suffered from rheumatism, but was always cheerful though never free from pain.

He still continued to see all visitors, and never refused to help a down-and-out.

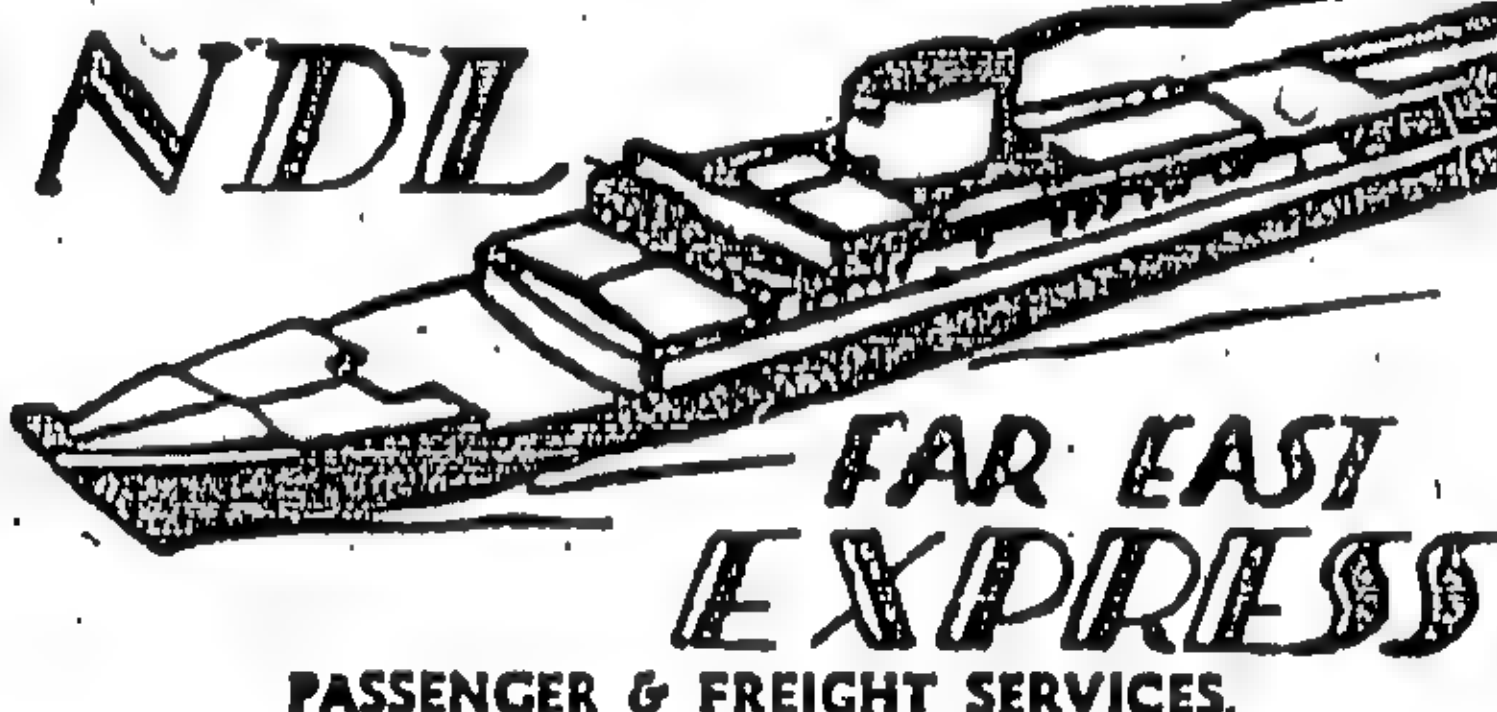
He wrote some of his best poems at this period. At the beginning of 1882 he was confined to his room with frequent periods of dizziness. His recoveries were merely temporary, and on March 19 he was seized with peritonitis and died on the 24th.

He was buried two days later near his three friends in Mount Auburn cemetery.

Longfellow was made an LL.D. of Bowdoin College in 1828, of Harvard in 1869, and of Cambridge (England) in 1869. He was made a D.C.L. of Oxford in 1869, and in 1873 he was elected a member of the Russian Academy of Science.

The poet was never known to find fault with anyone. Even in his old age, when his body was wracked with suffering and life was "cold and dreary," he never complained.

More than any of his poems, "A Psalm of Life" seems to illustrate his outlook on life. It is a poem that "Life is real! Life is earnest! And the grave is not its goal; 'Dust thou art, to dust thou returnest; Was not spoken of the soul."



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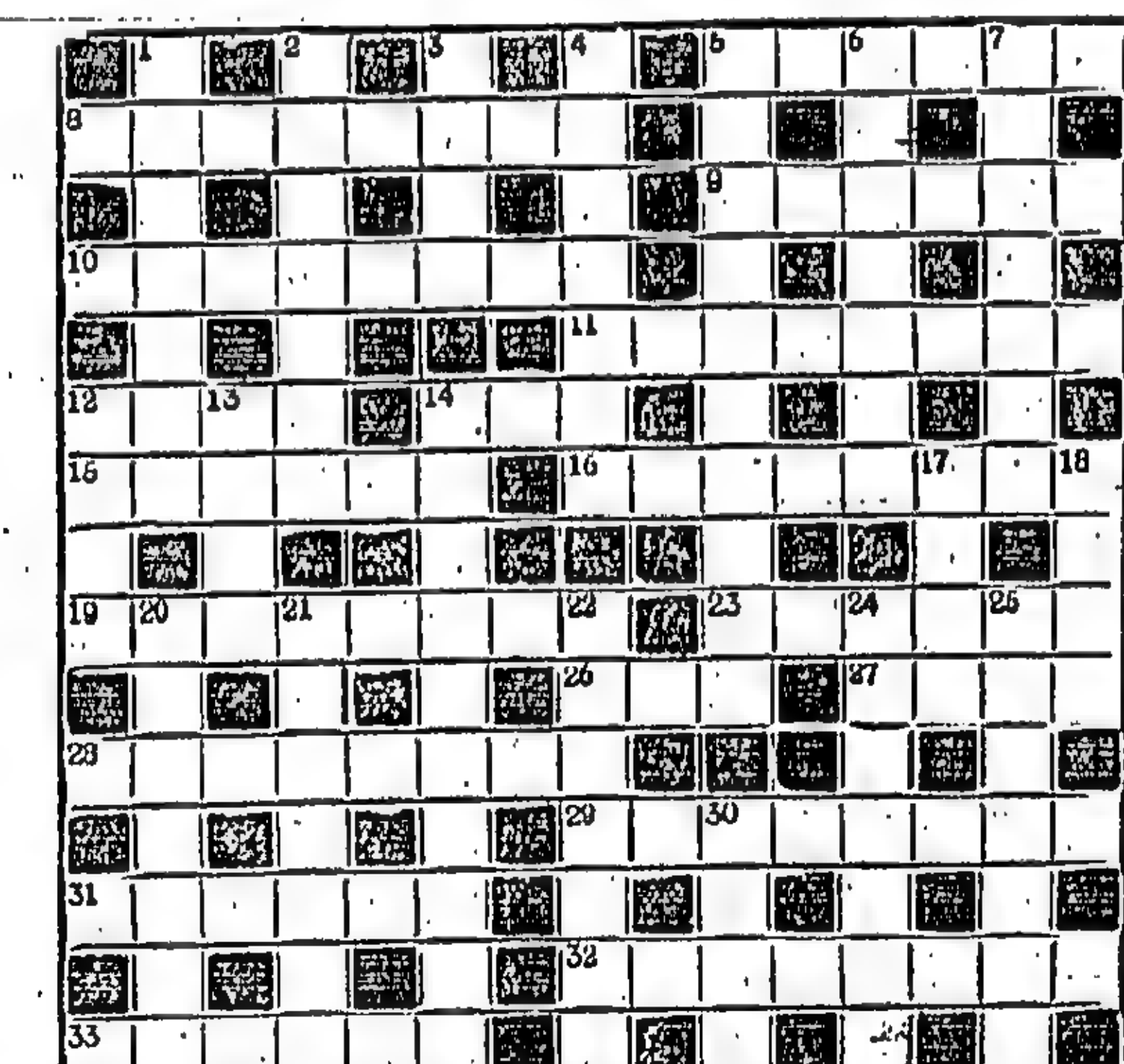
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- Part of the Chinese Republic.
- This is quite unimportant.
- The promise has a final margin.
- This is highly rated with swarm inside.
- Menace.
- Once his end catches him, he will not easily get his beginning.
- 22 down experiences a change of head here.
- For this some motorists seem nowadays to have a big bee in the bonnet.
- Not to let, and is all included.
- Epithet for past events only.
- Choice.
- Depend about small matter in distant fashion.
- Expiration of violent tendency.

## DOWN

- A stronghold.
- This is commenced.
- Island of Malay Archipelago.
- High Church feature.
- May's crowning glory.
- A small child may amuse one with this, or itself with this beheaded.
- Antonym of lower.

- This may serve its turn in the kitchen.
- No place for a leader.
- An obstacle in cash is much worse than a cold in the head!
- From this island came a lady beautiful but cold.
- To-day's bright feature.
- This feminine trifle has been beaten by a short head.
- Questionable advice?
- There is no place for showing what to-day is.
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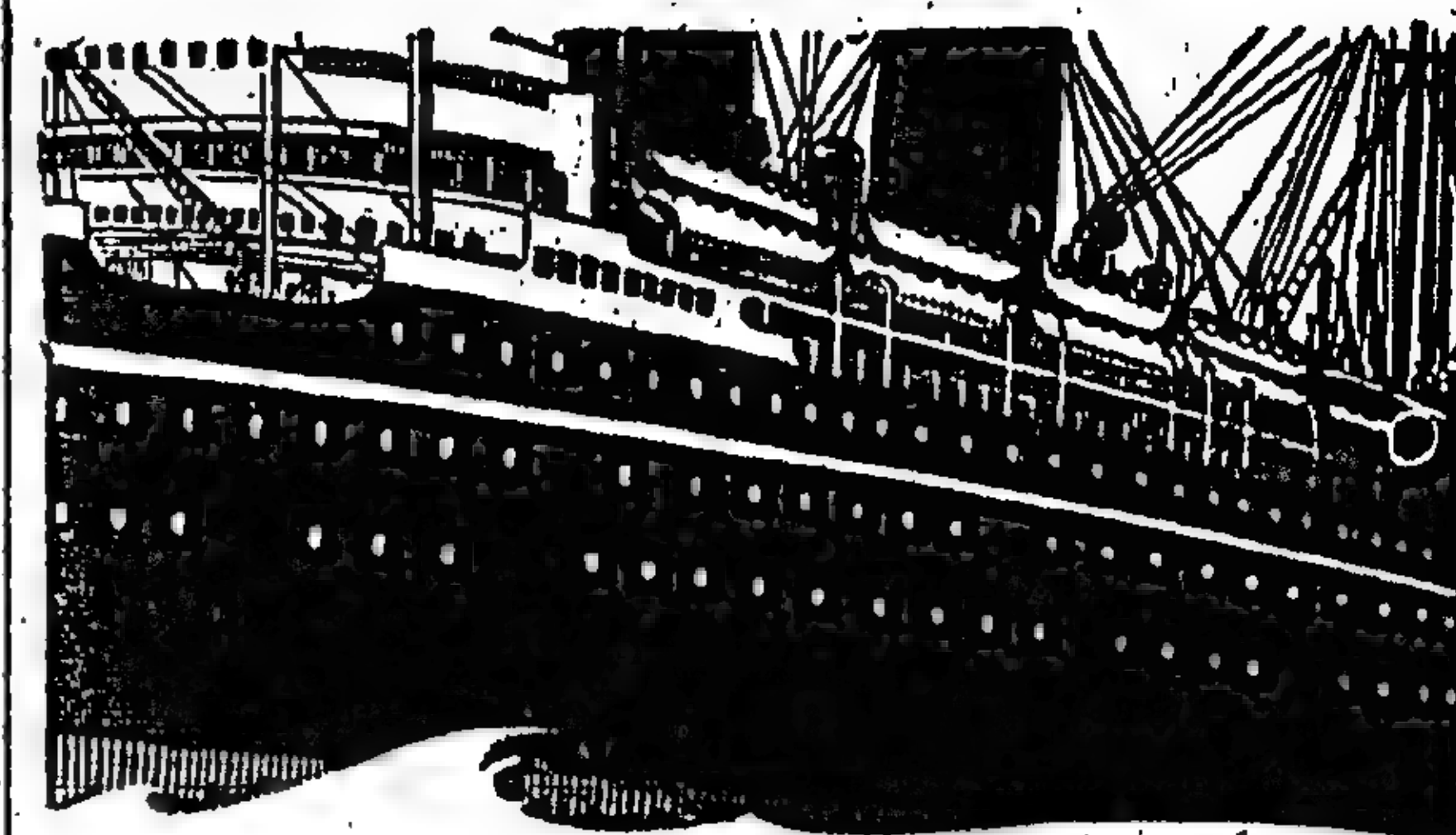
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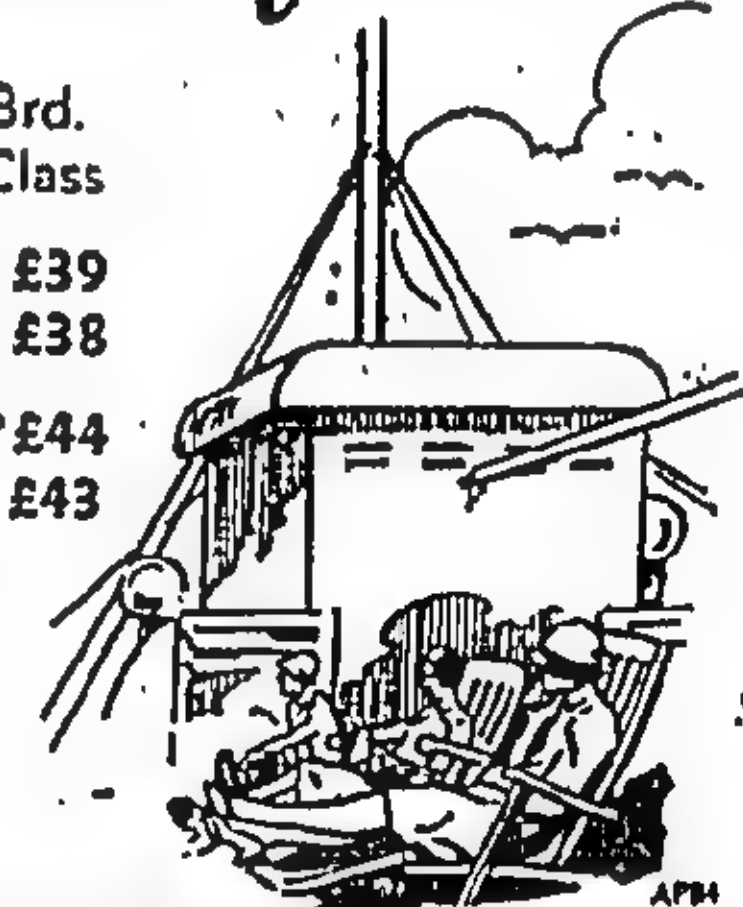
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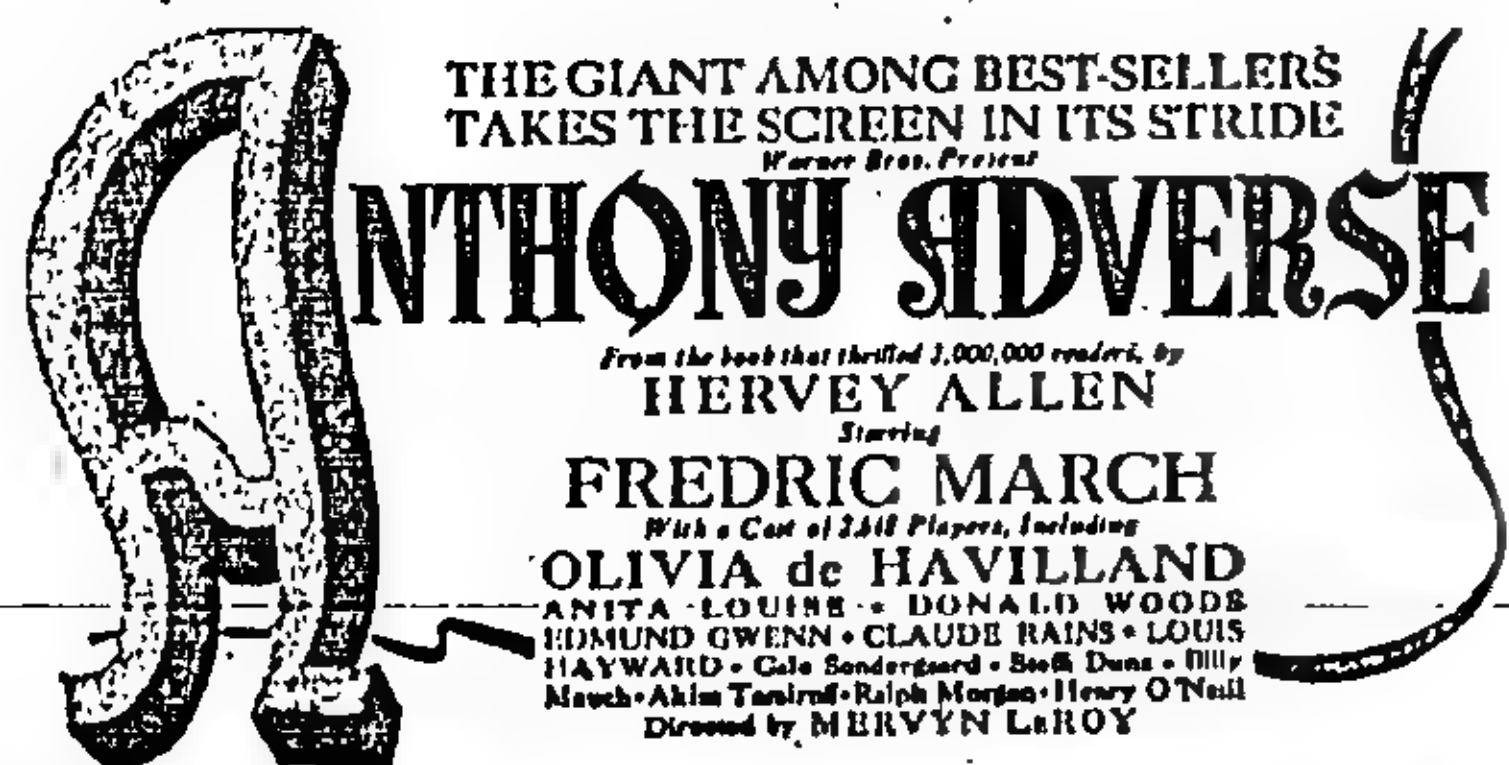
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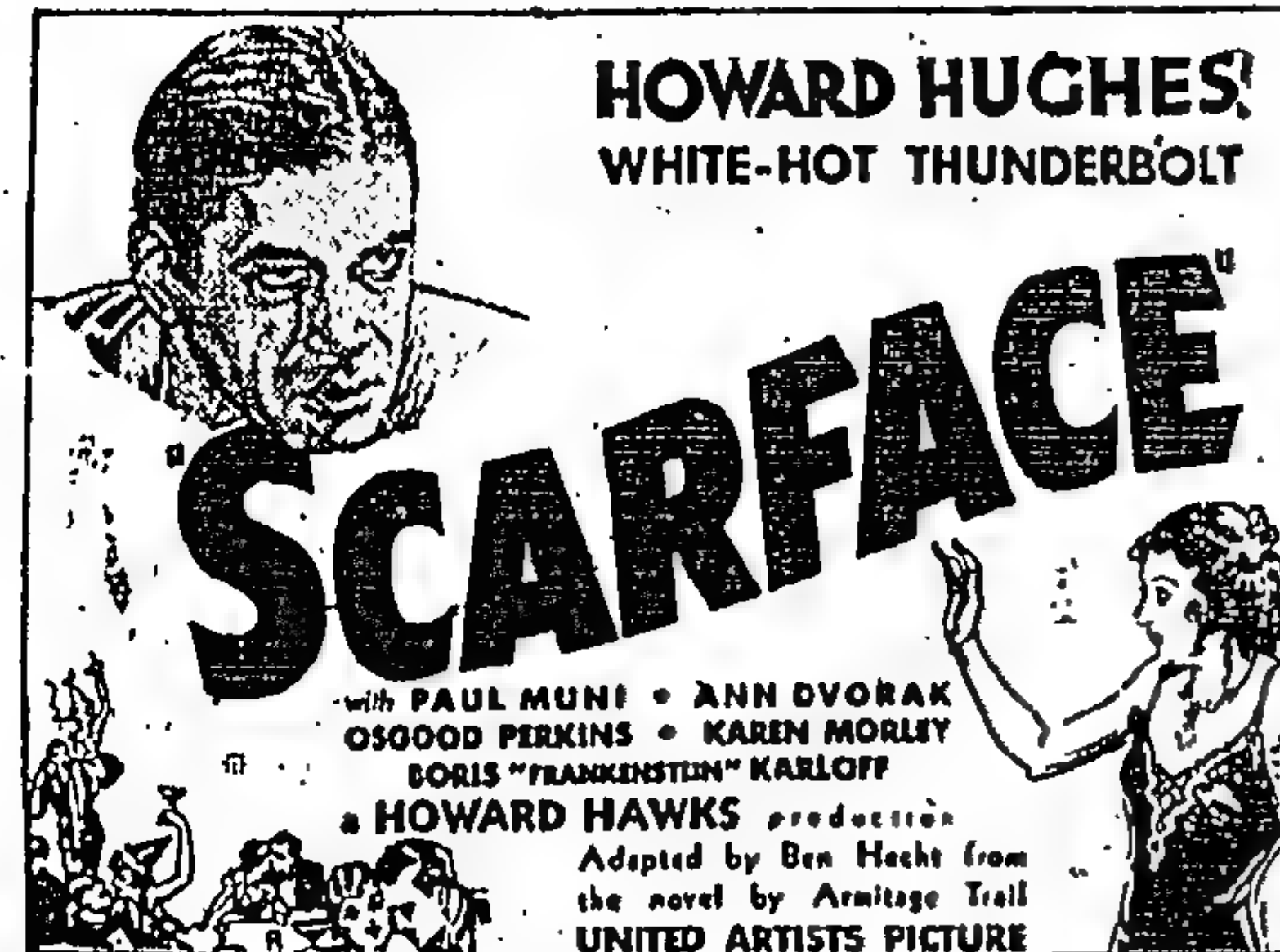


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It was a similar movement that started the great General Motors Corporation tie-up.  
Incidentally, the Ford workers are among the best-paid in the United States and their working conditions are considered ideal.—Reuter.

### ADJUDICATING TROUBLE

Washington, Feb. 26.  
The National Labour Relations Board has called a hearing to adjudicate in the Douglas and Northrup aircraft factory disputes.—United Press.

### PLANTS CLOSED DOWN

Janesville (Wis.), Feb. 26.  
The management has closed the Chevrolet and Fisher plants, which were re-opened last week. This decision follows the action of the Union of Automobile Workers protesting against the discharge of three men. Workers numbering 2,700 are thus idle.

Additional police have been called to the scene as the result of sporadic street fighting between Union and non-union men.—United Press.

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Gibraltar, Feb. 26.  
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It is stated the Nationalists transported these prisoners from Malaga to Lalinea and executed them in groups of 25 at night.  
Relatives, it is stated, are unaware of the fate of these people. And if they are, they are prohibited from wearing mourning. It is reported.—United Press.

### WOMAN SPY SHOT

Lisbon, Feb. 26.  
It is revealed that Senorita Rosita Diaz, blonde Spanish film star and sympathiser with the cause of the Government, has been shot by the insurgents for allegedly spying upon their movements and giving information to the Valencia authorities. She is alleged to have made use of a secret radio station in Seville, resulting in two successful air raids on that city.—Reuter Special.

## COLONIAL EMPIRE UNION

London, Feb. 26.  
A Colonial Empire Union is being established in London to arouse interest in colonial affairs.  
Colonials on leave will be specially catered for by the Union, the President of which will be Baron Lugard, former Governor of Hongkong, with Mr. W. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, as one of its Vice-Presidents.  
The scheme is sponsored by the Overseas League.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

## FRANCE NEAR DISASTER

### Flandin Warns Blum Crisis at Hand

Paris, Feb. 26.

A strong attack upon the policy of M. Leon Blum, the French Prime Minister, especially in the direction of Finance, was delivered to-day by the former Prime Minister M. Pierre Flandin. He declared that a quarter of the subscribers to earlier loans launched by M. Vincent Auriol, the Finance Minister, did not intend to renew their subscriptions and that two London banks, at the last moment, had refused to subscribe to the British loan to France.

"We believe, Monsieur le President, that you are leading France with perfect sincerity and honesty towards catastrophe," declared M. Flandin. "The republican regime will perish if you persist in your present policy."

"Economic and financial developments probably will not allow you to wait until May to choose a different policy," he asserted.

M. Flandin predicted the probability of simultaneous Treasury and currency crises, necessitating inflation and control of exchanges.

"You were honest when you swore you would not deflate, but events compelled you to do so," said M. Flandin.

In reply, M. Blum asserted there would be no reshuffling of the Cabinet. "If I thought it desirable to have a Government of national union I would go. The People's Front Government cannot be transformed into a National Government. In the interests of the country the present Government must stay."

### Tariff Bill Blocked

Paris, Feb. 26.  
A surprise decision was taken by the Senate to-day rejecting the whole Bill giving the Cabinet power to modify tariffs and quotas by a decree. This decision came after the Senate had adopted all the clauses of the Bill separately.  
The reason for this paradoxical action is lack of knowledge as to how the Government intended to use its powers. The object of the Bill is to combat dumping and rising prices.—Reuter Special.

### Appreciates Danger

Paris, Feb. 26.  
"We agree that there is reason to introduce measures of caution and to soft-pedal in our programme," declared Mr. Blum.  
M. Blum remarked that if a National Government were formed there might be shouts of joy, rising Rentes and a return of capital to home, but the reaction of the masses must be considered, he believed. Betrayed, a beaten people might forsake the Republic, he said. He therefore declined to contemplate a change of Government.  
"When we shall have got our second breath after the present pause, we shall resume the People's Front programme," he asserted.—Reuter.

### Vote of Confidence

Paris, Feb. 26.

At the conclusion of the debate on M. Leon Blum's financial policy, the Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in the Government, 361 to 209.—Reuter.

## CABALLERO THREATENS TO RESIGN

ACTION WOULD BE  
SIGNIFICANT

Valencia, Feb. 26.  
Senor Largo Caballero, Prime Minister of Spain, has published a long document virtually threatening to resign if he continues to meet opposition in the matter of his home policy.

The resignation of Senor Caballero, who enjoys the confidence of trade unions and the President, would be of far wider significance than an ordinary ministerial crisis.—Reuter.

## PHILIPPINES MAY TURN TO GREAT BRITAIN

Washington, Feb. 26.

President F. D. Roosevelt to-day discussed the future of the Philippine Islands with President Manuel Quezon, who is visiting the capital with General Douglas MacArthur. The latter is building up the Philippines' defence forces against a day, nine years from now, when the Commonwealth attains complete independence.

Senor Quezon is trying to ensure that the United States will not throw the young republic unsupported into the world, particularly with respect to trade, since the islands' exports to the United States are approximately \$20,000,000 annually.

It is the prevalent feeling in Congress that the Philippines cannot have both independence and trade preference, but must take its chance with other nations when its day of maturity arrives, making trade pacts to protect itself.

The foreign affairs expert, Mr. William Simms, of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, writes that if the United States scorns the Philippines trade, Senor Quezon may strike a bargain with Great Britain whereby a new British fleet, based at Singapore, might utilise Manila in time of emergency, whilst Britain absorbs the Philippines' export surplus.—Reuter.

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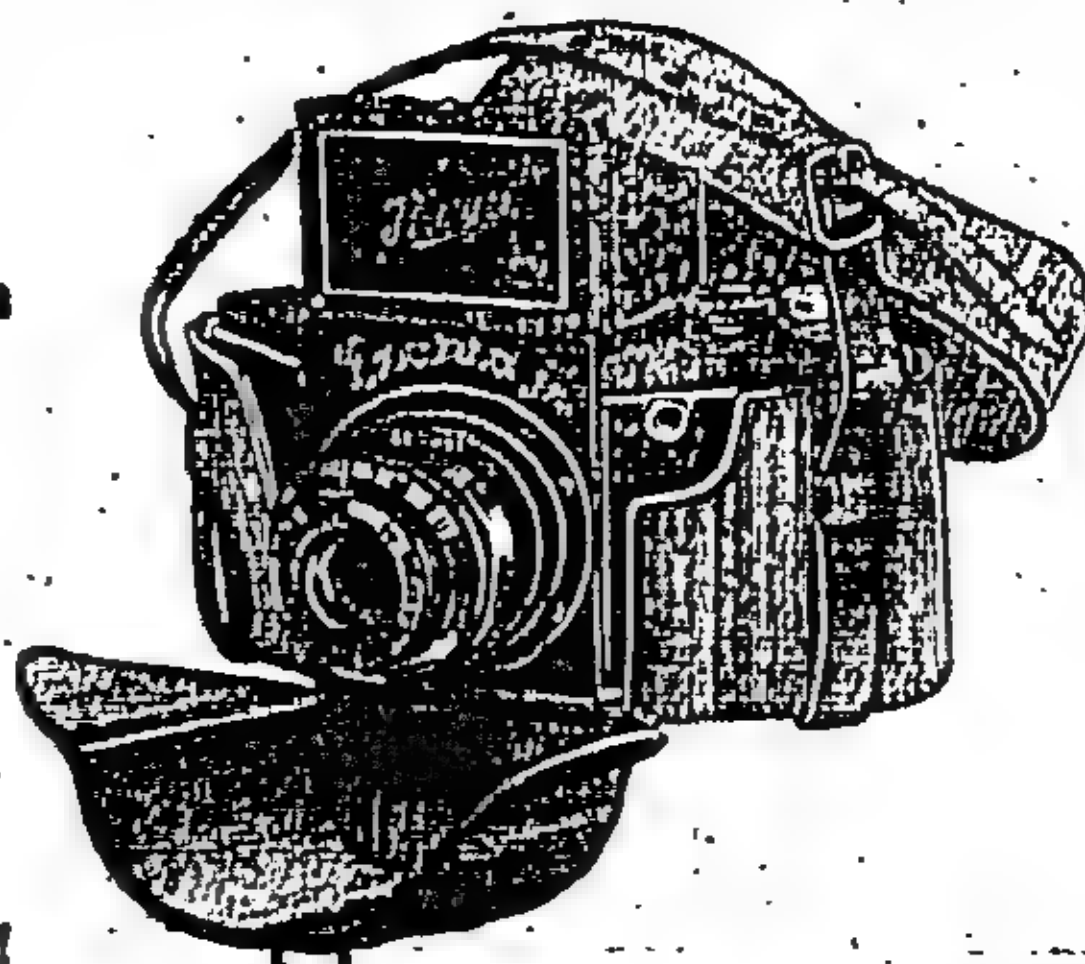
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# AUSTRALIA PILES UP RUNS

## English XI Faces Formidable Task

### RECORD OF CENTURIES IN LAST TEST ENGAGEMENT

AUSTRALIA HAD STILL ONE WICKET TO FALL WHEN STUMPS WERE DRAWN IN THE FINAL TEST MATCH AT MELBOURNE THIS EVENING, THE SCORE BEING 593 FOR 9 WICKETS.

The match started sensationally this morning when, with only four runs added to the overnight score, Bradman, the Australian skipper, was clean bowled by Farnes for 169. Badcock was then joined by Gregory, and these two defied the English bowling.

At the lunch interval, Australia's score was 399 for 4, Badcock being 40 and Gregory 25. The pair continued to add runs and when the score had reached 430, Badcock had compiled 60 and his partner 34.

At the tea interval, the Australians had compiled the imposing score of 530 for 5. Badcock was out after scoring 118, with Gregory undefeated for 76.

70,000 PRESENT

Melbourne, Feb. 27.

A crowd of 70,000 gathered for the resumption of the fifth and final Test match here this morning. The weather was sunny but cool, while the wicket was most docile.

An early disaster befell Australia when Don Bradman lost his wicket after adding only four runs to his overnight score of 165. The first ball of Farnes' second over shot through like lightning and took the Australian skipper's leg stump. Bradman had played back to the ball.

Bradman had been at the wickets for 223 minutes and his score included fifteen 4's. The score was now 340 for 4, and at this stage Badcock, who had partnered Bradman, had not added anything to his overnight total of 12.

Gregory then joined Badcock and with the score 350 for 4 the former has scored 19 and Badcock 6. This pair remained unseparated when the lunch interval was taken, the score then being 399 for 4.

**BADCOCK BRILLIANT**

Badcock was not troubled by the bowling during the morning. He gave a brilliant display of stroke play.

Gregory, on the other hand, was very subdued. The partnership yielded 50 runs in an hour.

At the lunch interval, Badcock was 40 and Gregory, both not out.

After lunch, Badcock and Gregory continued to defy the bowling and when they had taken the score to 430, the former had made 60 and his partner 34.

**REACHES CENTURY**

Badcock reached his century, and when he had added a further 18 runs he was out. The tea score was 530 for 5 wickets, Gregory being 76 not out.

Early in the afternoon, the crowd had grown to 80,000 probably a record for the ground.

The 500 was signalled after 457 minutes' play. Badcock was batting very confidently and on one over from Worthington he scored 17 runs. He reached his century in 115 minutes. His batting was stylish, and he made free use of his wrists to score with several well-timed cuts.

Gregory played a much quieter game, taking 135 minutes to score his half-century. The partnership added 150 in 151 minutes.

**WORTHINGTON EXPENSIVE**

Voce replaced Worthington when the score was 507. In four overs 30 runs were scored off Worthington. Voce's first ball produced immediate results. Badcock cut it straight to Worthington at backward point, and the fielder held a sure catch.

With Badcock dismissed, the score stood at 507 for 5 wickets. Badcock scored 118 in 205 minutes, and hit 15 boundaries.

Gregory now commenced pulling with freedom, his batting being marked by fine judgment and patience.

At the tea interval the score was 530 for 5. Gregory was 76 not out and Oldfield, the veteran wicket-keeper, 2 not out.

When stumps were drawn, Australia were 593 for 9.

## SHIPPING DISRUPTED BY SUDDEN HEAVY MIST

### COLDER WEATHER TO-MORROW?

A thick blanket of mist, descending suddenly over Hongkong shortly after 2 p.m. to-day, completely disorganised shipping in the harbour.

Several steamers, scheduled to leave at noon, were forced to postpone their departure. One or two crept slowly down the harbour, but were forced to anchor at Kowloon Bay, the Lyceum entrance being completely obliterated by the fog.

An official at Lyceum said to the "Telegraph": "Visibility here is less than 15 feet and the entrance to the harbour is invisible. The mist descended suddenly at 12.45 p.m., and appears to be getting worse."

The Officer on Duty at the Wagon Lighthouse said by cable-telephone: "A heavy mist suddenly descended here at 2 p.m. It seems to be getting worse, and I doubt if shipping will be able to find the entrance to Hongkong until it lifts. As far as we can see here there are no ships moving."

The mist, which is apparently general along the coast, is a result of a new anti-cyclone developing over North China. Cool north-easterly winds, mixing with the warmer atmosphere in Hongkong, are responsible for the fog.

One of the aftermaths will probably be much colder weather for Hongkong within 48 hours.

Several ships have had their schedules disorganised by fog and mist, which has reached from Hainan Island to Shanghai.

**LOCAL CRICKET**

League Match Tea Scores

Ten scores in local League cricket matches are as follows:

**FIRST DIVISION**

Hongkong C.C. v. K.C.C.—Hongkong C.C. 151 for 8. (Owen Hughes 50 not out).

Craigengower v. Civil Service.—Craigengower all out, 151.

**SECOND DIVISION**

Central British School v. Civil Service.—Civil Service all out, 61.

L.R.C. v. Queen's College.—L.R.C. 216 for 9, declared. (S. Curreen 84).

## OVIEDO BATTLE RAGING

### LOYALIST LINES STRENGTHENED

### CRISIS SOON AT HAND

London, Feb. 27.

The situation in and around Madrid remains stationary but the Government is using the lull to strengthen the lines defending the Valencia road.

The re-organisation of the anti-Fascist forces as "the Arm of the People" is proceeding apace in Valencia and Barcelona, where a Catalan committee has been issued expressing the Cabinet's "confidence in co-ordinating its efforts with those of the Government of the republic in order to organise as rapidly as possible a regular army under a single command."

Northern Spanish despatches state that the battle for Oviedo continues, the Government troops closing in steadily on several fronts. They have captured a section of the arms factory on the outskirts of the city which was stoutly defended.

An Avila despatch estimates that casualties on both sides at Oviedo have thus far totalled 12,000.

At Valencia, Senor Largo Caballero, referring to the international plan to supervise Spanish ports, stated: "I consider that very soon we will be experiencing the most delicate moment of the war which will oblige us to make decisive resolves, but I shall not remain at the head of republican Spain if we don't take a firm decision."—Reuter.

## REBELS BOMB GANDIA

### SEVEN KILLED IN CITY STREETS

### FRENCH SHIPS HUNT MINES

Valencia, Feb. 27.

Rebel seaplanes apparently from Majorca, dropped nine bombs in the heart of Gandia to-day, killing two men, three women and two children, and wounding 50.

They scored direct hits on a residence, a wharf, the railroad station, trucks and trams.

Later they poured machine-gun bullets into the streets.—United Press.

**HUNTING FOR MINES**

Port Vendres, Feb. 27.

French naval trawlers and aircraft are searching the Mediterranean and Atlantic ship lanes for floating mines, following the explosion of a mine which almost sank the Llandoverly Castle.

It has been reported that a fishing boat has been close to collision with three mines, believed to have been laid by Nationalists off the Catalanian and Biscay coasts and which have broken from their moorings in recent storms.—United Press.

## FLOWERS FOR CHARITY



Pictured above is one of the daughters of the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, together with a young assistant, selling flowers this morning on behalf of the Ministering League. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

## BIG CROWDS AT VALLEY

## THRILLING RACING FOR CLOSE OF MEET

Huge crowds assembled at Happy Valley this afternoon for the final day of the Race Meeting, when some excellent sport was witnessed. The weather was overcast, with occasional drizzle, but this in no way dampened the enthusiasm of turfites. The Pipe Band of the 1st Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders added to the gaiety of the scene.

In the opening event, Mr. H.M. Pih brought home Shipmaster to victory by a length from Radium, ridden by Mr. Y. T. Fung. Another Chinese jockey, Mr. F. C. Liang, got third place with Weedon Seat. The winner paid \$17, while Radium returned \$40 for a place.

The race for the second section of the Nil Desperandum Stakes produced a thrilling finish, Mr. T. L. Wong getting the verdict on Tempest by a head from Whalsey, ridden by Mr. Hearne, with Prospero (Mr. Needa up) three lengths away in third position. Tze Tin was withdrawn from this event at the last moment.

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Another keen finish was witnessed in the Griffins Spring Handicap, in which Mr. F. Marshall piloted King's Coronation to win by a neck from Rob Roy, ridden by Mr. Leighton. Centre Forward (Mr. D. S. Li up) was a length away in third place.

**1.—The Nil Desperandum Stakes.** (First Section).—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. One Mile.

Mr. Wong Sui-ngau's Shipmaster (161 lbs.) (Mr. H. M. Pih) 1  
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Mr. S.V.S.'s Weedon Seat (150 lbs.) (Mr. F. C. Liang) 3

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## ARTIFICIAL BOOM MIGHT MEAN CRASH

### H.K. and Shanghai Bank Chairman's Warning

### REVIEW OF FAR EAST TRADE CONDITIONS

A comprehensive survey of financial, trade and political conditions, with special reference to the Far East, was made by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman of Directors, at the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation this morning.

Commenting on the international outlook, the Hon. Mr. Paterson issued a warning that there was an artificiality about the "boom" which, he said, is liable to disappear like a "pricked balloon" if steps are not quickly taken to put right certain basic economic factors.

Nevertheless, the speaker concluded on an optimistic note.

"The world is now emerging from its difficulties," he said. "Some countries have come through better than others, and the Far East has come through better than many parts. On the whole the outlook is reasonably bright, but it is not safe to prophesy what the future holds in store."

Although early in the year China's trade position did not warrant optimism, Mr. Paterson pointed out that a definite change had become apparent. The demand for Chinese produce remained steady and the effect of good crops—some of them bumper crops—made itself felt.

The speaker was pessimistic regarding the situation in Japan, and confessed to misgivings regarding the Japanese Budget. Trade and shipping, however, had considerably expanded.

The Chairman's Report disclosed that, after making full provision for losses and contingencies, the net profits for the year amounted to \$15,107,175.

Mr. Paterson voiced the regret of the Board of Directors at the impending departure of His Excellency the Governor.

The adoption of the Report was seconded by Mr. J. H. Taggart, who associated Shareholders with the Board of Directors' expressions of regret at Sir Andrew Caldecott's departure.

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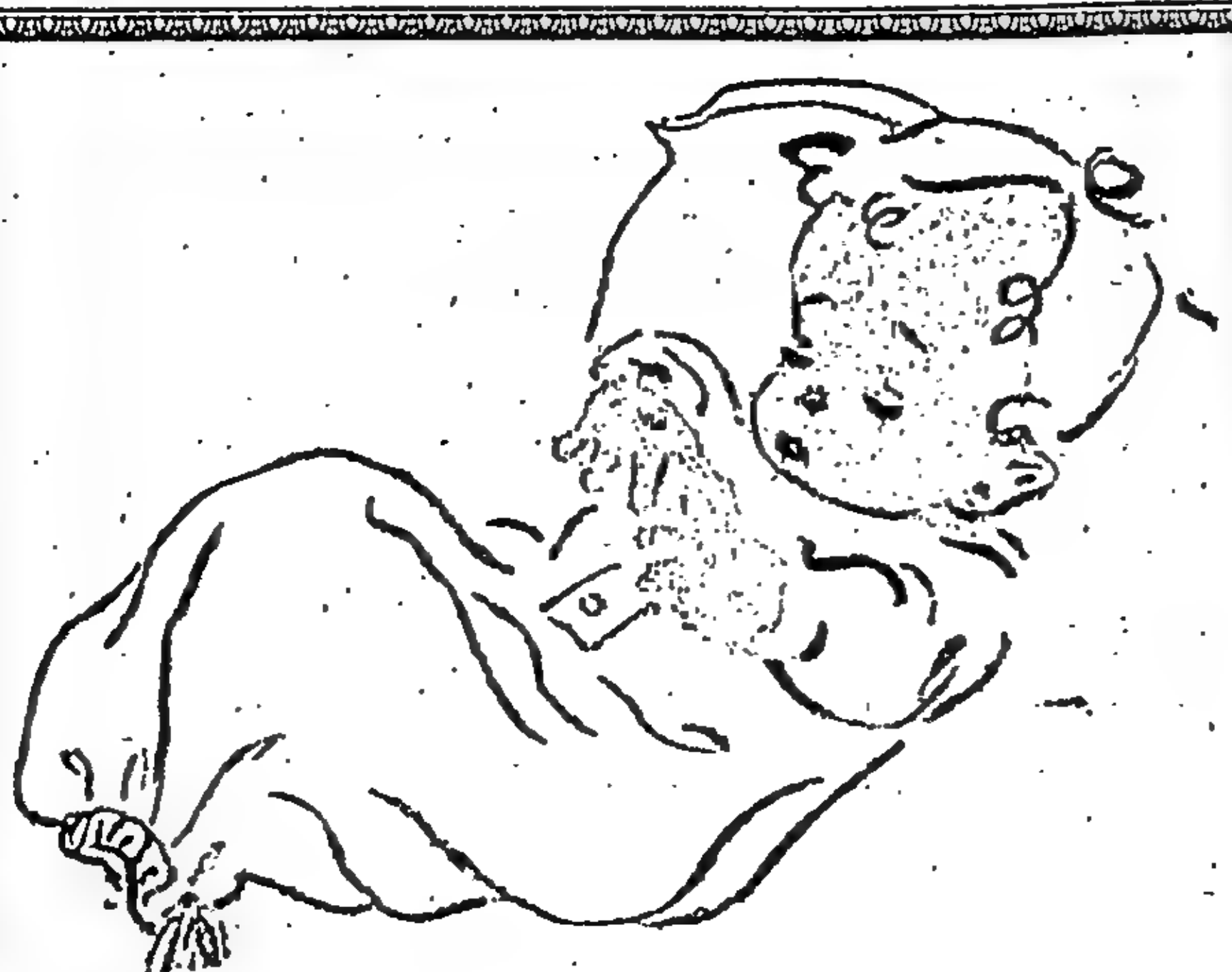
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TO-DAY'S CASH SWEEPS		The figures of our Balance Sheet have been taken at 1/2% against 1/3% the previous year, so a comparison between the two is easier than it has been sometimes in the past. (Continued on Page 3.)	
Below are winning numbers in the Cash Sweeps at to-day's Races:			
Race No. 1		Race No. 4	
No. 2064	\$1,583.40	No. 3169	\$2,345.00
" 2613	452.40	" 2017	670.00
" 3047	226.20	" 4570	335.00
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Race No. 2		Race No. 5	
No. 1707	\$1,622.80	No. 475	\$2,608.40
" 3613	528.80	" 1861	770.40
" 3032	200.40	" 3727	102.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1507, 3826, 3024, 2407, 172, 3944, 2451, 47, 2687, 2221, 2025.		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1793, 130.	
Race No. 3		Race No. 6	
No. 1827	\$2,250.40	No. 2108	\$2,471.00
" 3132	644.40	" 5483	708.00
" 1715	322.20	" 1817	353.00
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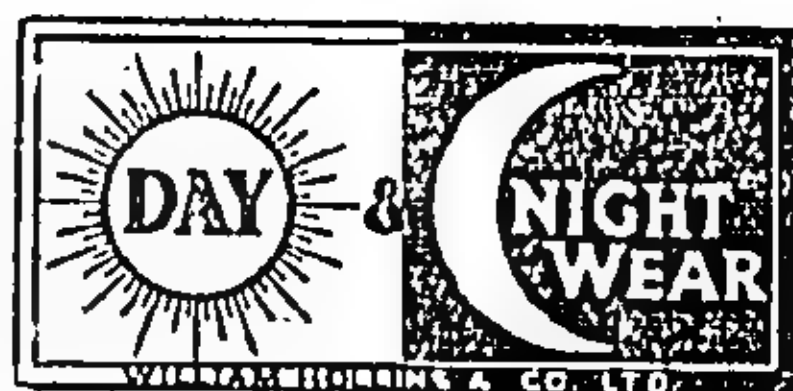


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## POLITICAL SCENE DOMINATED BY SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS

## China More Than Ever Determined To Stand Her Ground

"UNWARRANTED interference" with the legitimate functions of the Chinese Customs Administration was mentioned by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson when proposing the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

"The Customs Administration has throughout the year been confronted with unprecedented difficulties in North China, and the integrity of the service has from time to time been seriously threatened," Mr. Paterson declared.

Relations between China and Japan dominated the political scene, he added, and the outstanding feature of the year was that China had maintained the *status quo*.

"In spite of difficult periods she has shown that she is more than ever determined to stand her ground," the Hon. Mr. Paterson said.

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Considering that part of the readjustment of 1935 had to take place during 1936, the difference in our figures is not so great as one might have expected and can roughly be stated to be as follows: On the liabilities side Notes and Current Accounts are up some \$80% and \$80 millions respectively, while Fixed Deposits are down \$20 millions, and among our assets Investments and Loans show increases of \$30 and \$58 million each, as against a decline in Bills Receivable of \$20 millions.

## ARTIFICIAL BOOM

It is generally agreed that the trade depression which developed in 1929 has now moved away from the greater part of the world. In fact, that almost ill-omened word "boom" is again being used in regard to conditions in some countries, particularly in England and the United States.

Nevertheless, there is a wide range of opinion as to whether the boom is real or artificial. It is still a question whether there is an artificiality about the boom, if it can be called such; that in most countries the word is applied with very little real basis; and that it is liable to disappear like a puffed balloon if it is not quickly replaced by a put right. Our Home Government are facing a very difficult task in trying to preserve Europe from relapsing into a general conflict, and the many political and economic problems which they are facing are appalling in their complexity.

It is a relief that my task to-day is not to review the situation as it has existed in Europe in the past year, but to direct your minds to the countries in which we operate and particularly to China, where conditions have at any rate not been so depressingly tense as in Europe.

## THE YEAR IN CHINA

Let us start off with China. The year 1936 has in some ways been typical of recent years. It has again been one of changes, bright periods and periods of gloom, marchings and counter-marchings. Nevertheless the bright moments have definitely had the best of it, and although there will almost certainly be bad patches from time to time, yet we feel fairly confident that, in due course, as the stability and authority of the Chinese Government become consolidated, the outlook will still further improve. It must not be forgotten, however, immense is the task of unifying and governing such a great country as China. It has often been pointed out that the proper comparison is between China and Europe rather than between China and a single country. This indicates that patience is needed and too much must not yet be expected.

Relations with Japan have again dominated the political scene, and the outstanding feature of the year is that China has maintained the *status quo*. In spite of difficult periods she has shown that she is more than ever determined to stand her ground. In North China, at any rate outwardly, there is little change to be seen. The Hopei-Chanhai Political Council remains under the control of General Sung Che-yuan, and the autonomous regime of Eastern Hopei still exists under Yin Jue-keng.

Negotiations, or at any rate, conversations between the Chinese Foreign Office and the Japanese Ambassador, with a view to a fundamental readjustment of the relations between the two countries, have been proceeding in an intermittent way. The Chinese attitude has if anything stiffened up during the year, but there were occasional compromises seemed possible. However, both sides were responsible for setbacks; there were unfortunate incidents involving death or injury



HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON  
(Photo: Kobza)

these will be melted down or come into the hands of the authorities.

In due course the Government is expected to issue silver token coins, but none of these have as yet been minted.

The arrangements with the United States made by the K. P. Chen Mission last summer, full particulars of which have not been revealed, provided, so far as is known, for the purchase by the United States of regular and substantial amounts of silver at the average monthly world prices, while China on her side agreed to enlarge the use of silver and maintain an independent currency system unlinked to any foreign monetary unit. Thus it will be seen that silver has not yet been entirely cast off, though its future influence in China seems likely to be small.

The foreign banks, with the exception of the Japanese, handed over all their silver against legal tender notes early in the year, but no information is available as to the actual stocks now held by the Chinese Government. Considerable amounts have, of course, been disposed of. The legal tender note issue at the end of the year was about \$1,100,000,000, which excludes the issues of the commercial banks, whose notes have not yet been entirely recalled, and of the Farmers' Bank, the position of which is somewhat obscure. According to the reports of the Currency Reserve Board, fully 60 per cent. cover against the notes of the Government Banks is held in "cash," which term includes foreign currencies. These legal tender notes are now current in every province throughout China in varying degrees of popularity and they are steadily replacing other forms of currency.

## REFORMS JUSTIFIED

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross has stated that the Chinese Monetary reforms have been justified by their results. Everyone will agree that so far there has been no hitch, but rather there has been every sign of skilful management by the Central Bank. Occasional political scares have caused speculative manipulations, but the official rate has nevertheless been maintained without wavering, and the resources at the disposal of the Government Banks have proved adequate. During the whole of 1936 the rates in Shanghai for the pound have remained between 1/2 and 1/2 1/2, a difference of only 1/2 1/2, while the U.S. Dollar rate has ranged from 20 1/2 to 30 1/2. These differences can be attributed in part to fluctuations in the London/New York cross rate. I will deal with the trade figures later on, but it is obvious that the lowered rate of exchange has encouraged exports, and although imports have been adversely affected, nevertheless the steadiness of exchange has to some extent offset this disadvantage. I cannot do better than quote Sir Frederick Leith-Ross' opinion of last June when he said:

"All things considered there would appear to be every reason to have confidence in the present currency scheme, provided that the Chinese Government complete and carry through efficiently the programme of internal reforms including especially the reorganisation of the Central Bank and the reform of the budget."

There was much more in Sir Frederick's admirable statement which still applies with great force. He referred to the necessity of the independence of the currency, of internal stability and to a settlement of the special situation in North China which has been, and still is, a potential danger to the Customs Revenue.

We understand that the Government is taking in hand the essential measures of reform which were in fact promised by Dr. H. H. Kung on November 3, 1935, and while progress may seem to be slow, it is realised that governments have many difficulties which are unknown to those outside the inner circle. We trust, however, that it will not be long before some announcement will be made of the action taken. Managed currencies are liable to be a serious danger to merchants and bankers if the "management" is not founded on a firm and solid basis, such as is implied when there is an independent Central Reserve Bank

and a well-regulated judgetary system.

## PLAYTHING OF POLITICS

Without such a basis, "management," like monopolies, tends to become the plaything of politics, instead of following natural values. Moreover, one kind of "management" leads to another. It becomes a kind of whirlpool drawing into its control industries, imports, exports and so on until rigid state control reigns supreme.

We, of course, realise that there are few countries with a completely independent Central Bank system and that, consequently, politics often play a permanent part in currency matters. For this reason it will be obvious to you that very great importance attaches to the actual terms of the new Central Reserve Bank Act, which will be keenly scrutinized by all who are interested in China's currency and finance.

If conditions in China keep up the steady improvement which has been made recently, and if unification of the country is maintained and internal strife is avoided, perhaps China will be more willing to allow free play to the natural forces of supply and demand. The signs of recovery are clearly apparent and the excellent crops throughout the country have been a great boon, coming as they did at a time when exchange had just been fixed at a reasonably low level, and when the demand for China produce was improving abroad. As a few instances, we may mention the improvement in the Chinese commodity prices, the rise in yarn, the demand for piece goods which has resulted in the re-opening of closed cotton-mills, and encouraging progress reported by utility companies.

Shanghai is, however, still faced with one serious handicap to entire recovery in the deadlock that exists in regard to its mortgage and real estate problem, with which is bound up the question of the right of landlord vis-a-vis tenant. There are anomalies in the laws governing these matters which require to be straightened out. Chinese property owners are just as much affected as foreigners, and we trust that the Legislative Authorities will deal with these points shortly, as we believe they are being urged to do.

## CHINA'S FOREIGN DEBTS

Early last year an Internal Debt Consolidation scheme was presented and accepted by bondholders, whereby the interest rate on domestic bonds was reduced to 6 per cent. and amortisation schedules were considerably extended. About the same time a Recovery Loan of \$340,000,000 was placed with the Government Banks. Since then the Government have had no recourse to the domestic bond market but have covered their requirements by other means. There have, however, been a number of provincial and Railway bond issues, some of which have been secured on revenues of the Central Government.

Excellent progress has been made throughout the year in the settlement of foreign debts in arrears. Apart from the steps taken to clear off numerous commercial debts due by Government departments, the initiative taken by the Governor of the Bank of England in forming a Chinese Railway Bondholders' Committee in London has proved to be of great value and assistance.

As a result of negotiations initiated by the Ministers of Finance and Railways, terms of readjustment of the T. P. R. Loans, the Homan Railway Loan, the Long Hai Railway Loan, and the Canton-Kowloon Railway Loan have been recommended by the Committee for the acceptance of British Bondholders. These offers have in every case been well received in London as being the best obtainable in the circumstances. A settlement of the Hukwang Railway Loan has been completed by the International nature of the donation, but an announcement may be expected in the future. A settlement of the Vickers-Marcos debt has also been negotiated by another Committee and at the present moment it seems that all Chinese loans floated in London, excepting Hukwang, have been readjusted as satisfactorily as can be expected. In the first few years the resultant charges on the Ministries of Finance and Railways are quite small, and this gives time for the Government to complete their plans for the rehabilitation of the finance of the country, which we see no reason to doubt can be done if political stability is assured.

## SMUGGLING EVIL

Improved returns have been reported by the Salt and Internal Revenue Administrations, while the increase of \$9 millions in the Customs Revenue for 1936 came as a considerable surprise in view of the smuggling in North China which was known to have seriously affected the collection in Tientsin and the Northern ports. The Customs authorities have on the whole successfully prevented the transportation of smuggled goods southwards, but in the East Hopei district there has been practically no curbing of the situation except as and when the saturation of supplies has caused a temporary slow-down in the smugglers' activities. Whatever measures the Customs take can only be palliatives, and no real solution will be possible until the political status of the East Hopei Autonomous area is settled by diplomatic negotiations.



MR. V. M. GRAYBURN

It is recognised that the Customs Administration have throughout the year been confronted with unprecedented difficulties in North China, and the integrity of the service has from time to time been seriously threatened.

## UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE

But by the exercise of great resolution, coupled with tact, Sir Frederick Maize has succeeded in maintaining the authority of the Customs Inspectorate in the midst of much political confusion and unwarranted interference with its legitimate functions. The Customs Service have a fine record and again and again have they remained practically the only outward and visible sign of the prestige and sovereignty of the Central Government in regions where otherwise independent regimes existed. This record has considerable significance from a financial standpoint and has contributed very largely to the confidence placed abroad in loans secured on the Chinese Maritime Customs.

The last published financial report of the Chinese Government related to the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 1935. The deficit for that year was \$106 millions. As regards the year 1935-36, an official statement has declared that the deficit was less than the previous year; nevertheless the budget for the year 1935-37 only provided for \$125 millions as proceeds from loans. Without official figures it is impossible to say more, but the recent improvement in the purchasing power of the people should have a favourable effect on revenue receipts both of the Internal Revenue Administration and the Customs, through an increased demand for internal consumption goods, as well as for imports.

References have in past years been made by my predecessors to the great progress in the development of communications in China. The cumulative effect of these developments is now making itself felt, and the country is being opened up in a remarkable way. It is now possible to cross China by railway, by motor or by air. It is possible to telephone or radiophone direct from here to Shanghai and from Shanghai to Japan, Nanking, Hankow or any one of nine adjacent provinces. Radio broadcasting stations are almost everywhere in their number, but their influence is being widely felt, for instance, in the broadcasting of market prices to up-country farmers who are thus less and less under the thumb of the middleman.

## RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

From the Bank's point of view the progress in railway construction is of special interest. Since the present Minister of Railways took office in December 1935, many very important and extensive projects have been put under way. His ambition is to complete way. (Continued on Page 9.)

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NEW YORK  
MARKET  
STRONGERUNCERTAINTY OVER  
UTILITIES

New York, Feb. 26. Despite continued caution, the entire list was higher on the New York Stock Exchange to-day. Mercantile issues strengthened on trade reports and others were heartened by the further advance in steel scrap prices, improved carloadings, and also increased automobile production and wholesale and retail trade improvements.

The unfavourable influence were the continued labour difficulties, dull and nervous commodity exchanges and uncertainty over utilities.

The Bond market was irregularly higher, with U.S. Government issues lower, while issues on the Curb Exchange were irregular.

Dow-Jones Averages.  
Feb. 25 Feb. 26 Change  
Industrials 186.00 187.17 Up .49  
Rails 57.43 57.81 Up .38  
Utilities 34.08 34.02 Off .06  
Bonds 103.90 104.00 Up .04  
Volume: 1,789,000 shares.

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London, Feb. 26. New high-speed express train services between London and Glasgow are shortly to be introduced by the London and Midland Railway. The journey to Scotland, covering 401½ miles, will be performed in six and a half hours. The only stopping place will be Carlisle. The journey will be the longest non-stop run in the world. The engines employed will be of the streamlined type.—Reuter.

RETIREMENT OF  
JUDGES

Washington, Feb. 26. The Senate has passed the Bill permitting Judges of the Supreme Court to retire voluntarily on full pay at the age of 70 years. The action came shortly after President Roosevelt's announcement at a press conference that he would address the nation in a radio talk on March 9. The address is expected to contain fervent support for the Court plan, pointing out that the alternative is a constitutional amendment which would introduce dangerous delay.—Reuter.

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Berlin, Feb. 26. The opening of airship traffic from Europe to India and the Far East is foreshadowed by Captain Lehmann, the trans-Atlantic airship commander.

Captain Lehmann says the technical and economic conditions for such flights can be satisfactorily met. By 1939, Germany will have four modern airships, and higher speeds, greater comfort and cheaper fares can be expected.—Reuter Special.

Pope Pius  
Continues  
To Improve

Vatican City, Feb. 26. His Holiness the Pope to-day enters into the thirteenth Week of his illness, with high hopes of recovery, after times when his life was despaired of. The recent improvement in his condition has been maintained. His Holiness spends most of his day in the audience room and takes a daily walk around the apartment, sometimes alone, sometimes on the arm of a secretary. He refuses to walk with a stick.

On warm days he walks a little on his balcony, in the sun.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

NEUTRALITY  
RESPECTEDHITLER'S PROMISE  
TO SWITZERLAND

Berne, Feb. 26. "At all times we shall respect the integrity and neutrality of Switzerland. I affirm this categorically." This is the assurance which Herr Hitler is stated to have given to the former Federal Councillor, M. Schulthess, during the latter's visit to Berlin this week.—Reuter.

## TREASURY BILLS

London, Feb. 26. The total amount applied for in tenders for £40,000,000 Treasury bills was £74,175,000. The average rate for bills at three months was 10/5.19d, against 11/3.65d a week ago.—British Wireless.

FOUR POWERS  
WILL GUARD  
SPAIN COASTRussia and Portugal  
Dodge Responsibility

London, Feb. 26.

It is understood that putting into force by the United Kingdom of the Naval Supervision plan, under discussion by organs of the International Committee for application of an agreement regarding non-intervention in the Spanish Civil War, would require legislation. It will be necessary to impose a legal obligation on vessels proceeding under the British flag to Spain to conform with the procedure contemplated in such matters, to call at ports specified in the plan for the purpose of picking up the International Committee's supervisors and to subject to interrogation by the naval patrols of powers acting on behalf of the Committee.

According to the decision reached by the International Committee of February 19, supervision is to become into operation next Saturday, and therefore during the next week, as soon as the scheme is finally approved by the Committee, the British Government will introduce necessary legislation and provide Parliamentary time for its passage into law.

The Chairman's Sub-committee of the International Non-Intervention Committee to-day had under consideration technical problems of application of the scheme for the supervision of vessels having the right to fly the flag of participating countries proceeding to Spanish ports, and agreed that representatives of maritime countries should be asked to arrange for official Government experts to attend a meeting in London on March 3 for the purpose of reaching decisions of technical questions concerned.

According to a communique, after considering further the land supervision scheme, the representatives undertook to communicate forthwith to their respective Governments the technical documents concerned, with a request for immediate instructions thereon.

The Committee passed then to consideration of the naval supervision scheme. The Russian Representative stated that in view of the fact that it had been agreed in principle that any government, party to the agreement, had the right, should they so desire, to participate in the Naval Supervision Scheme, the Russian Government did not claim at present to make actual use of this right as it was not interested either politically or otherwise in the presence of its naval forces in Mediterranean sea or in the Atlantic Ocean at a great distance from their own naval bases.

The Portuguese representative recalled his Government had always favoured a naval supervision scheme being entrusted to four powers, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Italy, and stated Portugal would not desire to participate in the scheme so long as it was confined to these four powers. Representatives of the four powers agreed to submit to their Governments a scheme for naval supervision by themselves already prepared by the Technical Advisory Sub-committee, with a view to settling technical problems involved in its application. The Committee will meet again on Monday.—British Wireless.

## RUSSIA'S OBJECTION

London, Feb. 26. Although Soviet Russia's reason for withdrawing from the International Non-Intervention Committee's scheme of con-

## DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

A WISE MAN WILL MAKE MORE OPPORTUNITY THAN HE FINDS.—Bacon.

It is notified that His Honour the Chief Justice has directed that the next Criminal Sessions shall be held on Monday, March 15, at 10 a.m.

"It is notified that at the expiration of three months the name of the Perrin's (China) Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved.

Before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, Det.-Sergeant G. A. Willerton applied for an order for the confiscation of 100 pounds of sugar, found by him, unclaimed and unmanifested on board the s.s. Hai Tan on February 24. The order was granted.

The Tak Luen firm, of 107 Hennessy Road, was summoned before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning for obstruction on February 7, by hanging 15 dried ducks on the footpath of Hennessy Road. Mr. M. W. Lo, representing the firm, pleaded not guilty and after evidence had been heard the summons was dismissed.

Fairbanks, Feb. 26. Gold strikes have been reported on a tributary of the Kuskokwim River and on the Togiak River, west of Good News Bay.

Both are placer workings.—United Press.

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## SPANISH SYMPATHY

London, Feb. 26. Senor Del Vayo, Spanish Minister of State, has expressed to Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, British Charge d'Affaires, the sympathy and concern felt by the Spanish Government at the accident to H. M. S. Royal Oak which resulted in the wounding of five officers and men.—British Wireless.

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FILIPINOS  
GREET  
QUEZONDICTATORSHIP PLAN  
FLATLY DENIEDWASHINGTON  
WELCOME

Washington, Feb. 26. President Quezon arrived here shortly before lunch and was greeted by a large gathering of officials, as well as the entire Filipino community. There was a striking display of United States and Philippine Commonwealth flags.

On arriving at the White House, President Quezon was entertained to luncheon by President Roosevelt, after which he issued a statement, saying, "I have come to report to the President on conditions in the Philippines, as required by the Independence Act. I expect to discuss the question of the future of the islands when the appropriate time comes, but that will be in a preliminary way."

Subsequently, speaking of his discussions with President Roosevelt, President Quezon said: "I reported to the President on conditions prevailing in the Philippines, as provided by the Tydings-McDuffie Act. I said financial and economic conditions were very good and that the Commonwealth was running efficiently, with a Budget surplus of 15,000,000 pesos."

NO DICTATORSHIP  
President Quezon repudiated the published suggestions that he was establishing a legal dictatorship. "I believe in democracy," he said. "I believe in the ordinary man and the wisdom and reaction of the masses. However, it is true also that I believe in a strong Government in accordance with the Constitution that has given life to the Government."

Referring to the defence plan, he said this would be adequate, adding, "I think that in ten years we can train and equip 400,000 men. We are not organising a great professional Army. Our Regular Army will be no more than 10,000. We are training the whole of the citizens."

President Quezon declined to discuss whether the United States should retain naval bases in the Philippines, pointing out that this would be discussed after complete independence has been obtained.—United Press.

TRADE  
TREATY  
SIGNEDBRITISH ACCORD  
WITH CUBA

London, Feb. 26. A commercial agreement with Cuba was signed at Havana on February 19 and comes into force provisionally as from that date. It provides that United Kingdom goods shall be treated in Cuba not less favourably than those of any country—apart from the special treatment accorded to United States goods—and that Cuban goods shall enjoy most-favoured-nation treatment in the United Kingdom. The Cuban duties on certain United Kingdom linen and woollen piece goods are reduced, and the Cuban Government undertakes to consider sympathetically requests for further tariff readjustments. The agreement also provides that British insurance enterprises shall not be subjected to legislation imposing more onerous conditions than those already applying to the conduct of their Cuban business.

The Cuban Government recognises the necessity of alleviating the position of United Railways of Havana, a British undertaking, and promises sympathetic consideration of requests put forward to that end. The agreement runs until December, 1937. There is also an exchange of Notes precluding action which would prejudice the present position of British shipping in Cuba.—British Wireless.

Speaker Will  
Ride In  
Ancient Coach

London, Feb. 26. When the Speaker of the House of Commons attends the Coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey, at the special invitation of His Majesty the King, he will drive in the oldest coach in London. It was built in 1689 for William III and since 1789 has been used as the Speaker's coach. It is kept in the coach-house in the basement of the House of Lords and every month its dust covers are removed so that experts may polish it. It weighs three tons and was used in the Coronation of 1911 and Jubilee celebrations of 1935.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

## LINDBERGH IN STORM

Caleutta, Feb. 26. Colonel Charles Lindbergh, accompanied by Sir Francis Young, husband, the famous explorer, landed here from Bombay to-day, having outrun a severe storm. They expect to return to Bombay Saturday where Mrs. Lindbergh is waiting.—United Press.

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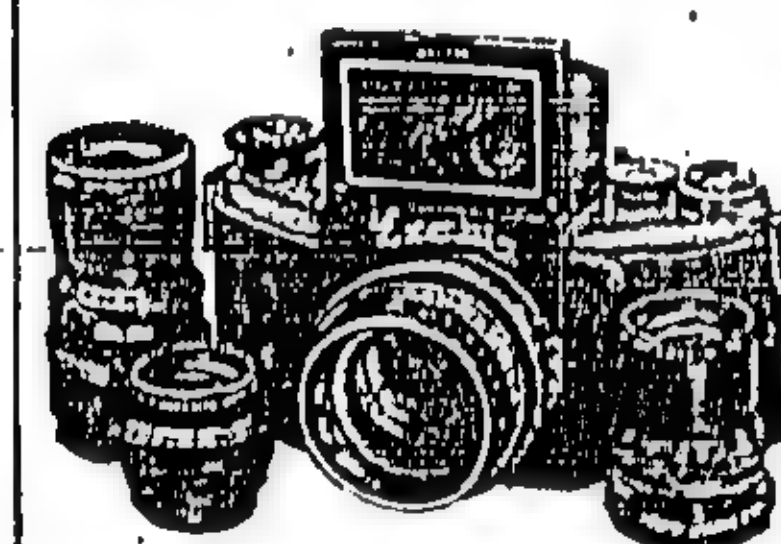
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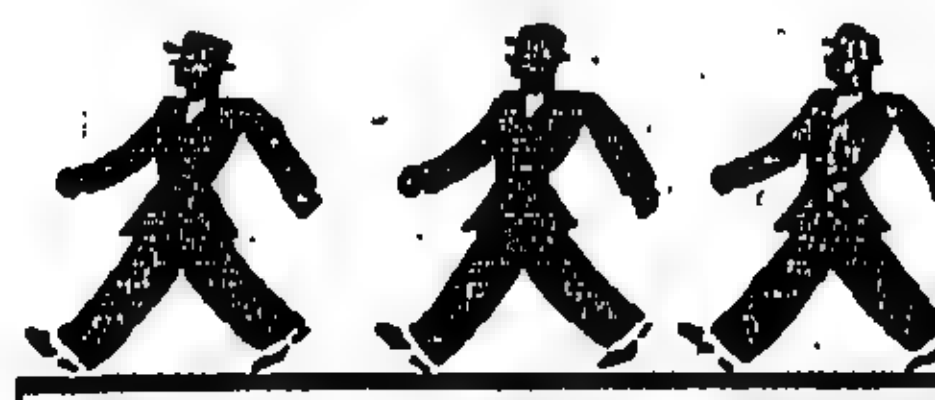
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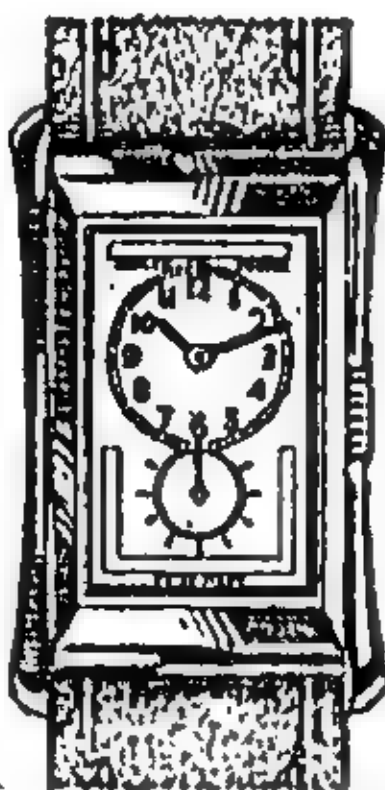


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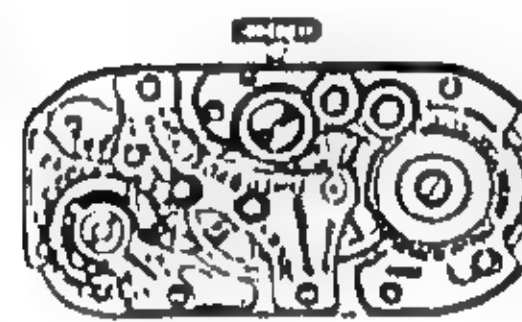
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**ALTAR CAN'T BE "FENCED"****Communion for Those  
Who Remarry****BISHOPS REFUSE SENTENCE  
OF "SPIRITUAL DEATH"**

"WE cannot fence the altar," declared the Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) at a meeting of the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury, opposing a resolution to bar from Communion people who remarried after divorce.

In the Lower House a resolution was passed calling for stronger safeguards against collusion and perjury in divorce cases.

The resolution was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Criticism was made of Mr. A. P. Herbert's Marriage Bill now before Parliament.

The resolution of the Bishop of Ely (Dr. Heywood) in the Upper House stated:

"This House is not able to approve the admission to Holy Communion of persons who, having remarried after divorce and having thereby transgressed the law of Christ and the Church, continue to live in disregard of the moral obligations which must bind those who are to be admitted to Holy Communion."

**"ALWAYS A SIN"**

The Bishop maintained that remarriage after divorce always involved a sin against the Seventh Commandment.

"I believe it is said that the condemned murderer is admitted to Communion before execution, and it is asked: If the murderer, why not the adulterer," he said.

"But if the murderer is in a position to continue the slaughter of his neighbours and avails himself of the opportunity, then we should surely not admit him to Communion."

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell), opposing the resolution, said: "There is a very great danger of schism if the purity of the Church were to be pushed to such a final conclusion as to make it impossible to contain within the Church all but the most purified and the most deeply and irrevocably devoted to this Article of excommunicating those who break the marriage bond."

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) said: "I cannot see that it is right to fence the altar. We ought to encourage all who desire the help of Christ to live better lives and to come to His Table."

"Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," The Bishop of London (Dr. Ingram) said that he believed it was wrong in itself to excommunicate. He described it as "sending people to spiritual death."

**SPIRITUAL DEATH**

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang) said he could not bring himself to accept the resolution, and that he felt that they would be justified in conscience in not accepting it.

Only the Bishops of Ely and St. Albans voted for the resolution. The Upper House also considered a report of the Joint Committee on the Church and Marriage, with recommendations presented by the Bishop of Winchester.

These recommendations included the principle that a "guilty" as well as an "innocent" party in a divorce case, after marriage, could, in certain circumstances, by permission of the Bishop, be baptised or take Holy Communion.

**COLLUSION**

The Lower House approved this resolution:

"It is urgently desirable that

**"Reverend"  
Deaconesses**

THE Upper House of the Convocation of York recently approved a resolution that a deaconess should wear a special dress or emblem and be addressed as "Reverend."

"Deaconesses want to be accorded real status," said the Bishop of Carlisle (Dr. Williams), presenting a report and resolutions prepared by a committee of bishops.

One resolution said deaconesses ought to rank among the clergy and not among lay, and that for all religious and ecclesiastical purposes a deaconess ought to be regarded and described as a person who was in Holy Orders.

The Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple) said there had been disappointment among the deaconesses that their order had not been placed on a level with the order of deacons.

There was no desire, he said, to belittle the order of deaconesses, but rather to magnify it. Its motive was to set it free from some restriction that were imposed on the deacons.

steps should be taken to strengthen the safeguards against the methods of collusion and perjury which are at the present time not uncommonly employed in seeking to secure decrees of divorce."

The resolution was moved by the Dean of Winchester (Dr. Edward Selwyn).

"A High Court judge who has to deal with many poor people's divorce suits has told me," said the Dean, "that he did not see anything in the new Bill which really was going to deal with the question of collusion. I think he rather thought that the difficulty of collusion was almost insuperable."

"Anyone who knows the sort of divorce suits that are now taking place knows well that the people engaged in them are not going to wait three years before they get release."

"They are perfectly prepared to have 'put up' adultery to get it. They do not mind if it involves perjury. It is with these people that the law ought to deal."

The Suffragan Bishop of Barking (Dr. J. T. Inskip) also criticised Mr. A. P. Herbert's Bill, which is now before Parliament.

"If the grounds for divorce are extended," he said, "it is reasonable to suppose that the present alarming ratio of divorce might very well be considerably increased."

**WHY HIS HEADACHES  
CEASED****After Troubling Him Since  
A Boy**

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A view of the great floods in England showing a highway in Kent completely under water with only the telephone poles showing the presence of the road.

**GERMAN  
FIRMS &  
PORTUGUESE  
COLONY**

Berlin, Feb. 15.

It is reliably understood here that seven prominent German firms have recently taken up construction and exploitation activities in the Portuguese colony of Angola, West Africa.

Angola, bounded by the French and Belgian Angos and British South Africa 87,738 square miles in extent, has a population of more than 3,000,000. It has a coast line of more than 1,000 miles.

The firms concerned include: I. G. Farbenindustrie, the German dye trust, which is interested in the polish deposits in Angola as well as in Portuguese Guinea.

Gutehoffnungshütte, the coal and foundry concern.

Borsig Rheinmetall, machinery. The contracts, which were signed last month, are understood to centre on mining activities, but the construction of bridges and tunnels will also be undertaken.

Well-informed quarters here state that the contracts are of a "purely private character," and it is stipulated that Portuguese sovereignty is not prejudiced.

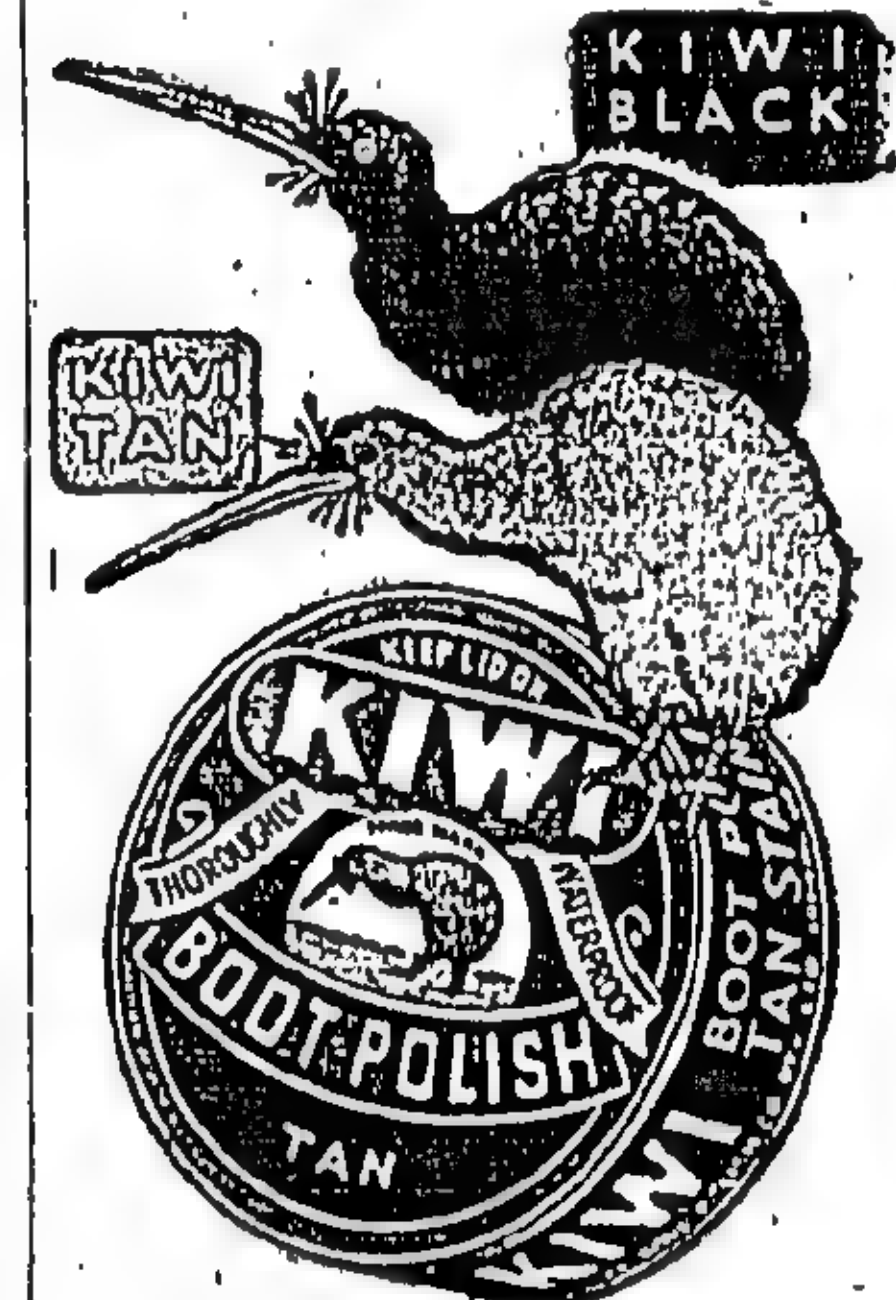
**HITLER AND COLONIES**

It is also stressed that Germany has not leased or bought any part of Portuguese territory in Angola, as has been frequently reported.

Herr Hitler, it is believed, will refer—perhaps at length—to the colonial issue in his speech to the Reichstag on Saturday.

An Iranian economic mission has arrived in Berlin, where it is expected to negotiate with Krupp, the I. G. Farbenindustrie, and the Borsig Rheinmetall for construction of plant and factories to exploit Iranian fish products.

Iran would export to Germany essential commodities such as wool, cotton, and sheep-gut in return for chemicals and medicinal products.—United Press.



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## Four Women In Will Tangle

New York, Feb. 15.

DO you remember "Peaches" Browning?

She was the "Cinderella girl" who, at the age of 16, married "Daddy" Browning, eccentric American millionaire, 11 years ago.

"Peaches" is to-day one of four women who are fighting for the £2,000,000 "Daddy" Browning left.

They are:—

"Peaches" Browning, to-day a glamorous blonde.

Mrs. Nellie Adele Browning, the millionaire's first wife.

Mrs. Dorothy ("Sunshine") Browning Hood, adopted daughter of "Daddy." Aged 22, and

Miss Marjorie Browning, aged 21, another adopted daughter.

"Daddy" Browning, who had a collection of 3,000,000 letters from girls, showered gifts upon "Peaches." He allowed her to spend at the rate of £200 a day, and gave her magnificent limousines.

After six months "Daddy" announced that the marriage had never been a real one; that "Peaches" slept in a room with her mother the whole time. He separated from her.

ACID ATTACK

Just before her marriage to the millionaire "Peaches" was attacked while she was sleeping.

Someone threw acid over her face and an expensive operation was needed to restore her beauty.

It is said that legal proceedings now beginning over "Daddy's" will may throw new light on this mysterious attack.

Favourite in the battle is "Sunshine," because "Daddy" on his deathbed added a codicil to the will, providing her with £2,000 a year until she comes of age and afterwards £5,000 a year for life.

Her closest rival is "Peaches." As widow, she claims she is entitled to at least one third of the money.

Mrs. Nellie Adele Browning, the first wife, seemed to have a formidable chance, but it is stated that in consideration of an annual income she waived all her wife's rights.

"Dark horse" in the race is little Marjorie Browning, who says she is entitled to the fortune as "Daddy's" adopted child.

New York lawyers are now awaiting the order to open the legal battle for the millions.

## RAIL FIGHT FOR AIR MONOPOLY

BRITISH railway companies plan to gain a monopoly in day and night air mail services, and later to control all airline development.

The Maybury Committee recommended recently that G.P.O. mail contracts should be given to one company that could point to the best record of regularity on all services and that would have to keep the subsidy in the face of competition.

Double Service

Railway Air Services, financed by the four big companies and Imperial Airways, will, next year, at least double existing services between London and the provinces.

British Airways, next biggest combine to the railway group, have

already abandoned the London-Liverpool section of their route to the north, where railway competition by train and plane is especially strong.

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## EMPIRE WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS

Among the many gatherings which are to be held in London during the Coronation period is an Empire conference on the cure and after-care of those suffering from tuberculosis. It is felt that the many visitors from overseas will include numerous medical men and women from various parts of the Empire interested in the increasing toll of death from the dread scourge and in the devising of measures for reducing the high rate of mortality therefrom, especially amongst native races. The conference is being planned by the Overseas League and the Papworth Village Settlement which makes a special study of treatment of sufferers and of after-care of those who manage to survive. Those in charge of the arrangements believe that it may be possible to begin an Empire-wide campaign against the ravages of the disease. The subject is one of peculiar interest to Hongkong, which has a most unenviable reputation for the enormous number of deaths occurring from tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. Well over forty per cent. of deaths in this Colony are due to this group of diseases. The weekly returns show about sixty deaths a week therefrom, so that it can be said that tuberculosis, in one form or another, kills off some three thousand people a year. The causes for this high incidence are well known—they have been correctly described in official reports as overcrowding, the expectorating habit, and the poverty of the masses. It is also conceded that there is great need for more hospital and infirmary accommodation for tubercular patients, especially for those of the poorer classes. But only half-hearted attempts are being made to deal with the scourge. Poverty is, without question, the main source of the evil, and it is easily to be seen that the raising of the standard of life of the masses must be a very slow process. A vigorous slum clearance plan, on the lines of that being undertaken at Home, would produce fruitful results by improving the

conditions under which so many of the people live, but this will be useless unless at the same time some scheme is devised for providing alternative accommodation within the means of those concerned. Admittedly, the problem bristles with difficulties, but action is called for. In this connection, it would be informative to know whether the Commission on overcrowding is still sitting, and, if so, when its much overdue report may be expected.

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WITH the article that follows this introduction, I should attach the photograph of a man who is living in literary seclusion in Hongkong. I should further add to it a name which would instantly identify him to local residents among whom he has been moving for several months; or a *nom de plume* which would draw surprised delight from the better-read section of our public.

These things I should be only too glad to do but the author concerned is at the moment wrapped up in a new work on Hongkong which he wishes to continue in that atmosphere of watchful obscurity which is productive of the best talent. Possibly he may wish to continue in the same meteorological conditions when Hongkong has had an opportunity in a few months' time of reading what it really is like . . . . .

The only clues I can give to his identity are that he was once a shipping agent in the Far East and now gives his time entirely to writing. Here is what he says . . . . .

Some years ago I was sent to America, to the New York office of a large steamship company, after having served with them in the East and South America. In New York I lived with a war-time captain of the Highland Light Infantry who had returned to his craft of theatrical costume and scene design.

We lived in the Bohemian quarter of Greenwich Village, where artists and writers are supposed to say their own hair with a nail file and fry eggs over the gas jet. It was a grand part of town to live in, not only because it was handy to the docks, but because I met substantial playwrights and producers, and a fair number of actors and actresses, who were far removed from messy Bohemianism.

Their absorption in their trade was contagious. When not actively in a play they sought to improve their knowledge and technique. From them I learned that art for art's sake is less artistic than art undertaken for profit. This is an apparent paradox, but art requires full-time devotion and only those who succeed in making a living by its practice can do so to the exclusion of other tasks. However, writing can be undertaken as a side line and I have had some luck in that way.

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Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, acting Puisne Judge, who is leaving the Colony very shortly on promotion to a Judgeship in Kenya. (Photo: Kobza).

scream violently at the final curtain. I always managed to sneak away from the theatre and was well into Times Square by the time the scream came out, but it was easily heard above the roar of the Great White Way.

It is dangerous to give up other work to undertake writing, but the lure of gold has encouraged many prospectors into the field who would be better occupied with a pick and shovel on a pipe line. And no wonder. The author of "Anthony Adverse" has received more than £30,000 from the sale of books in one country alone, and in addition Warner Brothers paid £19,000 for the film rights. Eugene O'Neill turned down a studio engagement calling for forty weeks at

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These Names Make News

# What Will This Man Say About Our Fair City?

£1,000 a week, and Booth Tarkington has prepared an outline of a screen play he is willing to sell at £10,000. It costs £1,000 to look at his outline; and it has already been peeped at and paid for.

## Flowers To You—

Mr. Bagram

IN anticipation of this year's bumper display of flowers at the local Horticultural Society's Exhibition on Tuesday, I visited the hard-working honorary secretary, Mr. J. T. Bagram yesterday, to catch up with the floral season.

Mr. Bagram, A.M.I.C.E., A.R.S.M., D.L.C., F.R.H.S., is a Share and General Broker—a strange mask for a horticulturist—but a few moments with him almost made me throw down my pen for a spade. On shares and exchange Mr. Bagram is reticent but on hours of sunshine, garden elevation, daffodil forcing and the mysteries of orchids he talks fluently.

Strangely enough, his acquaintance with horticulture is comparatively short. First in Hongkong in 1913, he went Home to "join up," returned after the Armistice, joined the Society about 1928 and has since annexed a great many honours in the annual competitions. He has this year retired from the annual competitions and is merely exhibiting his garden products.

"It was the strike of 1925 that first brought me into touch with gardening," he told me. "I was looking after my uncle's place at Marble Hall and seeds kept arriving for him from all over the world. There was no gardener to plant them so I had to do a lot myself and became very interested. When I went into my flat in May Road I started some pots on top of the coal house. Then my gardener thought there was more sunshine to be got from the hillside. Now I have an acre and a half of garden, a hot-house, and two houses for keeping plants sheltered."

Conversation after this became a little difficult as Mr. Bagram plunged into the niceties of Stuart and Low's cartons, the value of Sutton's seeds as against those of Carters and Bath of Wisbech (best for bulbs), and went on to talk of the perennial delphinium which shares with many humans, an objection to our climate, and the tuberous peonia supplied by Blackmore and Langdon. The best pansies, it appeared, came from Engleman and Son, and Japan held first place for cyclamen, but it was on cyneria of which Mr. Bagram has a magnificent selection, that he really enthused. Considering that his garden is between 700 and 800 feet above sea level and is frequently in mist, the beauty of his home-made paradise of flowers is remarkable.

Mr. Bagram's dream now is to grow really good orchids. "Everybody gets to that stage eventually," he confessed. "You try to grow everything rare and beautiful but in the end, you always come to orchids."

## Angle of Feminine

Ex-M. P.

A LADY ex-Member of Parliament takes the public platform, this time in connection with an event of singular importance to Hongkong. Miss Picton-Turbervill, one of the Commission which came to the Far East to report on Mui Tsai conditions, presents the feminine angle on this much-discussed subject and the full report, presented to Parliament this week, will be awaited with great interest out here.

"Walking across country with a silent companion" is the favourite recreation of Miss Edith Picton-Turbervill, according to the entry in "Who's Who."

Miss Picton-Turbervill would not herself observe the silence; her second favourite recreation is talking, and she is indeed a brilliant conversationalist.

She speaks quickly, fires a fusillade of questions at her companions and has scarcely heard the answer before she asks another.

That is why she learnt so much about Hongkong and Mui Tsai.

She has no prepared speech and just rambles on in a delightful style, interrupting her argument with occasional anecdotes.

She was talking about the House of Commons, where she once sat for a Shropshire division, and referring to Parliamentary oratory to-day she remarked:

"Mr. Lloyd George is always worth listening to, and so is Mr. Baldwin, but he is more academic."

"But generally speaking I've heard better speakers in the Mothers' Union than in the House of Commons."

As an ex-M.P., her feminine opinion of one of the most famous women M.P.'s is interesting.

"Lady Astor," Miss Picton-Turbervill remarked, "is always amusing, because you never know what she is going to say next, and when she has sat down she doesn't seem to know herself what she has said."

A little sarcastic, that, and due perhaps to the fact that Miss Picton-Turbervill and the noble lady sat on opposite sides of the gangway.

But anyone who has heard Lady Astor getting up unexpectedly in the House of Commons during a dull debate must agree with the description.

Miss Picton-Turbervill also recalled some fine examples of mixed metaphors which she has heard from pompous orators in the House of Commons.

One M.P. spoke about a "red herring being dragged across the path, but the Government won't get away with it, as before night it will be brought home to roost."

Another Member declared that a Bill was "the last straw and, mark my words, it will bear no fruit."

The best of the three is the shortest. An M.P. protested that new legislation did not go far enough—"it is but a fleabite in the ocean," he said.

When Miss Picton-Turbervill was in Parliament she caused a mild sensation one day by taking a fan into the House to keep cool on a summer day.

She fanned herself, and Sir N. Grafton-Doyle drew the attention of the Speaker to it. He said that men were not allowed to bring weapons into the House—and a fan, he said, is a feminine weapon.

The Speaker decided that a sword is offensive and that a fan is not. So Miss Picton-Turbervill went on fanning.

Pop Parker.

## BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

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The worst of being a golfer at Deep Water Bay these days is that you run the risk of being arrested for digging up the fairway.

Then there was the man who was only 136781 numbers off winning the Derby sweep. He didn't buy a ticket.

A lady recently won a dozen eggs as the prize in a local mah jongg contest. Let's hope they weren't all pongs.



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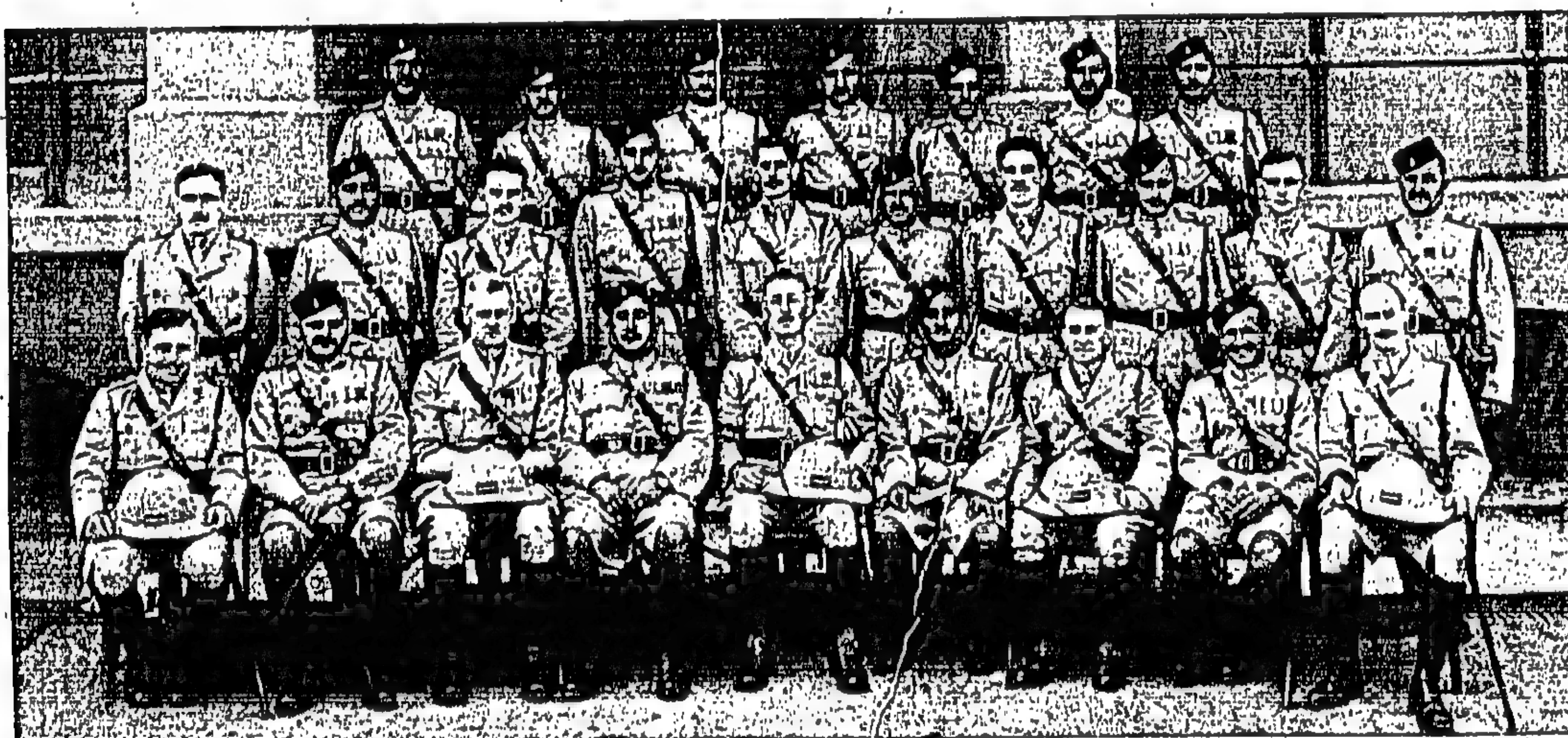
Mr. and Mrs. L. Le Gay Brereton with their infant son, Christopher Timothy, at the christening ceremony at St. Andrew's Church. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studio).



General Sir Alexander Godley greeting wives of men of the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles during his visit of inspection as Colonel of the Regiment. (Photo: King's Studio).



The above group was taken at the christening of the infant daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Gow. In addition to the parents those shown include Mrs. Beale-Browne, Cpl. and Mrs. McCormac, and Lance/Cpl. Blissett.



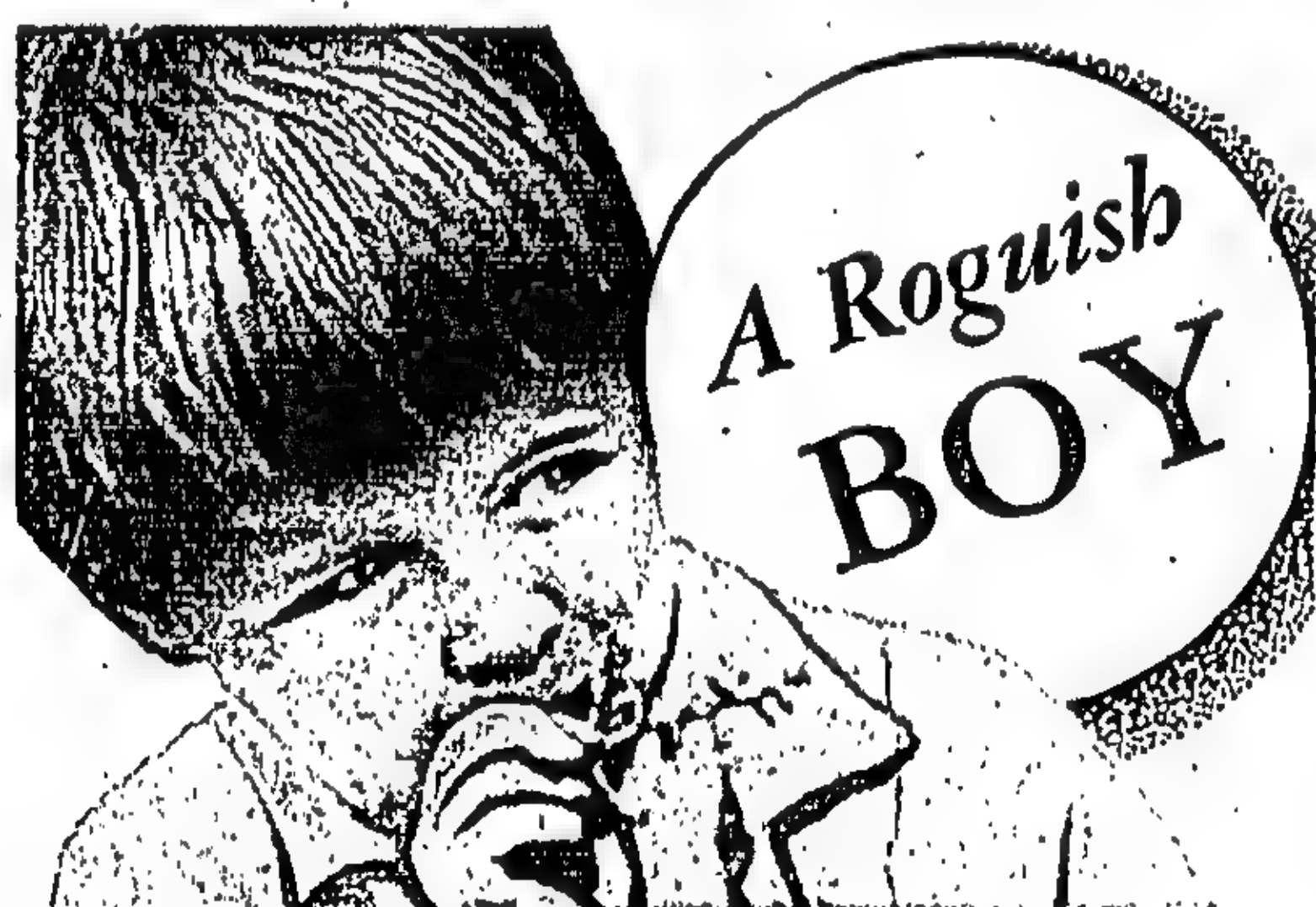
Above are pictured the officers of the 1st, Kumaon Rifles, which recently arrived in Hongkong to replace the 1/8th, Punjab. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



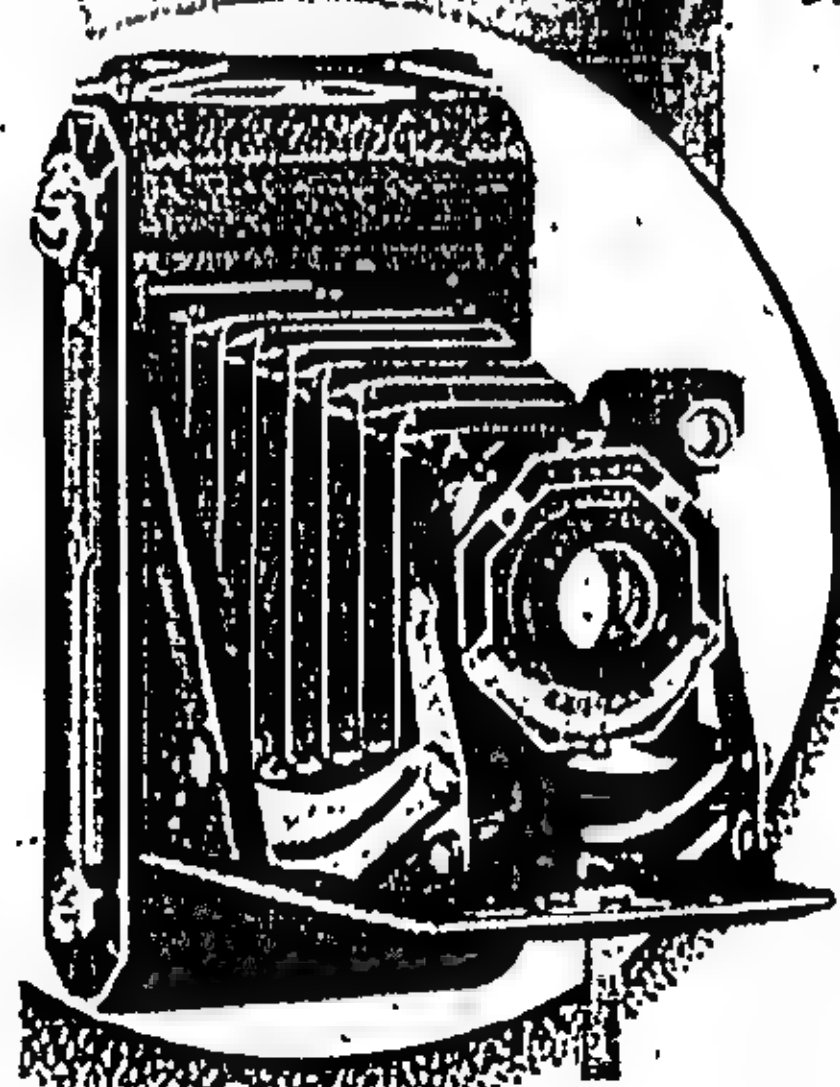
A charming study of little Dagmar Rohel, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. Rohel, manager of the Bata Shoes Company, and Mrs. Rohel. (Photo: King's Studio).



Group taken at the christening of the infant child of Dr. J. A. R. Selby and Mrs. Selby at 14 Leighton Hill. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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Lieut. J. D. Pattulo, R.E., and his bride leaving St. Andrew's Church after their marriage. Mrs. Pattulo was formerly Miss J. O. Bigg-Wither. (Photo: King's Studio).



Another christening group, taken on the occasion of the baptism of Robert Gordon, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bell, at the Hongkong Union Church. (Photo: King's Studio).

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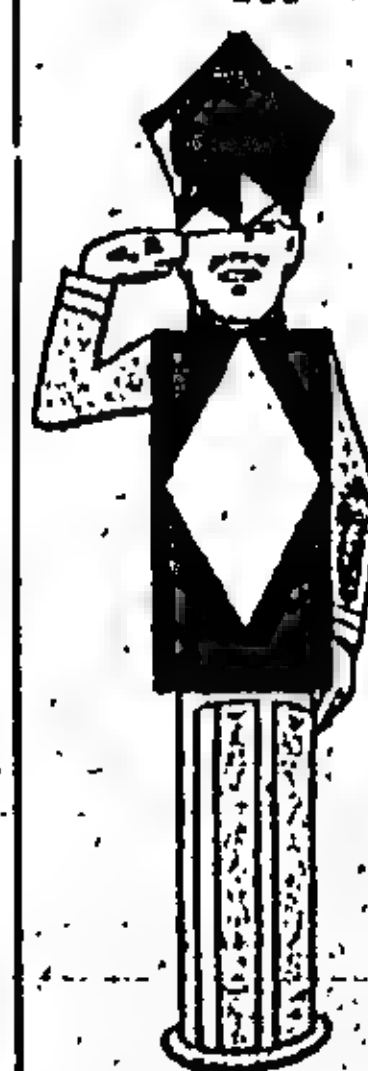
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## Novel Holiday

WHEN I go on holiday I invariably pack two or three books in my bag, and, as invariably, they come back unread. My subconscious mind obviously insists on a close season for literature. But, for most people, holiday-time is reading-time.

"What shall I take with me?" Well, since the publishers have sent out hardly any new books this week, let me suggest for your selection a score or so of novels that have attracted me this season.

Sometimes you come across a tale which, whenever and where ever you read it, gives you that pleasantly exciting holiday feeling. Such a story is E. C. Sherrell's *Greenlight*, a simple, satisfying novel in which you meet the author on his own ground—in Suburbia, that world of quiet pleasures, middling hopes and moderate routine.

And, incidentally, if you have not read his earlier book, *The Fortnight in September*, which has a holiday plot as well as a holiday atmosphere, now is the time.

IN that extremely amusing tale, *Mrs. Rudd Writes Home*, Sybil Bolitho and Con Fearnley exploit the comic side of seeing ourselves as others see us, showing us an engaging group of highly sophisticated, world-weary folk through the eyes of a sensible, elderly woman. It will delight you, especially if you happen to be staying in Bournemouth.

Stella Gibbons' *Miss Lindsey and Pa* is another holiday story, wise and witty and never whimsical, about an incurable optimist who, though weighed down by her own troubles, staggered on bearing her neighbour's burdens. It has the true "Once upon a time" fairy-tale touch.

And there is Norah C. James' *Sea View*, which tells how the little coastal village of St. Don's was swallowed by prosperous, vigorous Northmen, leaving one gap the less in the lengthening promenade of our shores. A well-told and convincing novel of conflicting hotel proprietors and lovers who win through at last.

It is a far cry from sleepy St. Don's to the steaming Niger, where Joyce Cary sets the scene of *The African Witch*. But the journey will be well worth your while, for the author knows his characters—men and women, European residents, by powerful, jungle-shaking, empire-rocking taboos.

To anyone who still believes that human nature can't be changed, Owen Rutter's memorable *Clear Waters* should provide the necessary

shock. . . Here is life, presented not as a freak Eastern show, but as it was lived in Borneo before the white man's ships sailed into those tropical, tree-fringed harbours.

And you will surely be moved by Malik Raj Anand's *The Coolie*, one of this summer's most distinguished novels. The tale of the pilgrimage of Munoo, an orphan of the hills, it forms the second volume of a trilogy which will prove a revelation of what, in the view of one Indian at least, the rule of the Raj has meant to his people.

André Malraux, who has already interpreted the nightmare of Chinese politics for us in masterly style, turns west in *Days of Contempt* and holds a mirror up to Naziland. The reflection is unforgettable. By no means a conventional holiday story, but one of those rare, hypnotic books that you will be unable to resist.

Spain argues and struggles and boils over in Ramon J. Sender's *Seven Red Sundays*, a strange, poetic, mystical, intentionally chaotic tale of the birth of the Republic. It will help you to sit in the dark background of the Spanish crisis—and it is always burning alive.

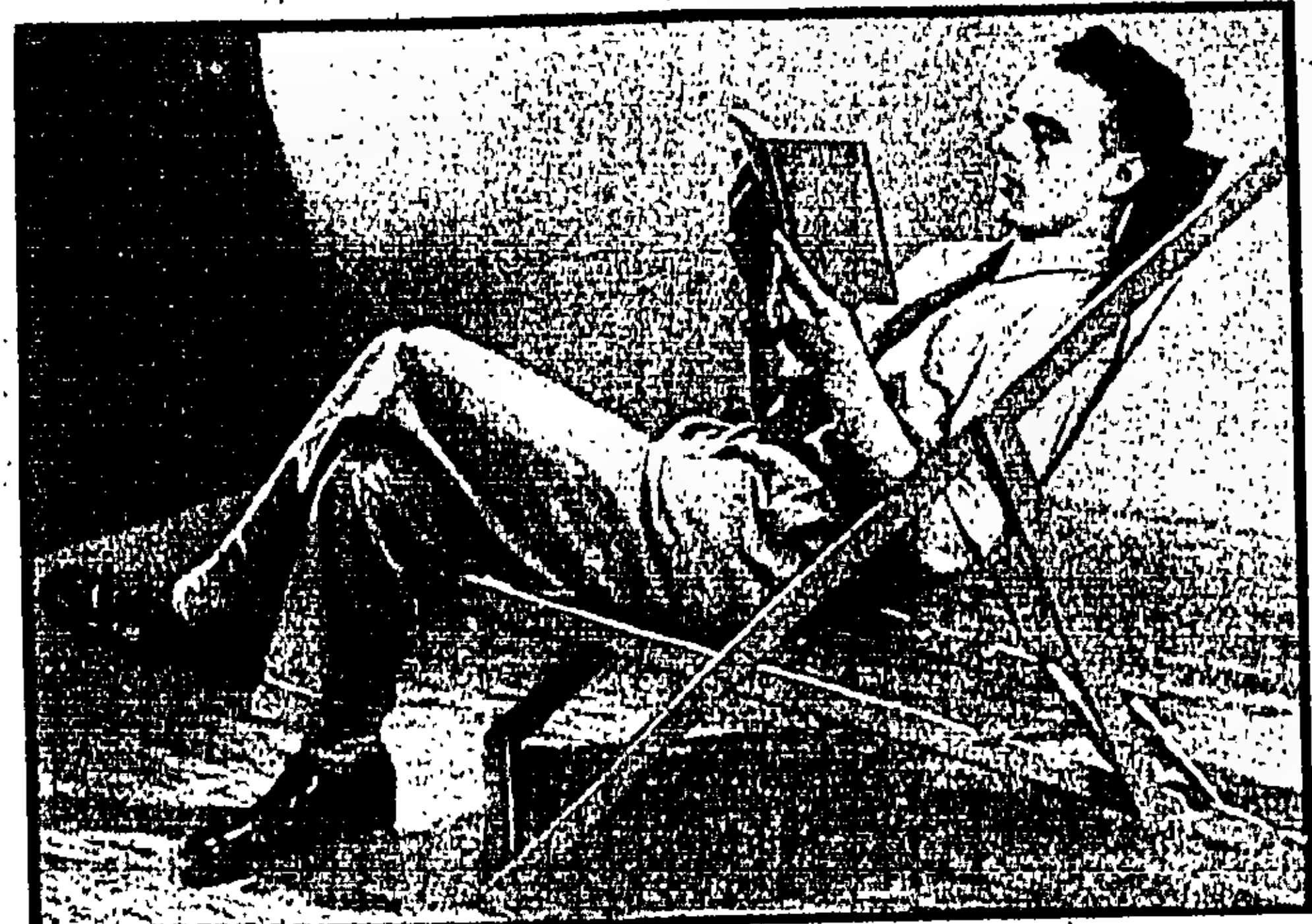
Historical fiction fans will cheer Robert Neumann's long and rewarding story of that astute and unscrupulous eighteenth century adventurer-detective, Struensee, *The Queen's Doctor*. And they will be charmed by Wilhelm Speyer's *The Court of Fair Maidens*, which threads the intriguing mazes of a remote duchy a hundred years ago.

C. S. Forester traces the Rise, Decline and Fall of a Brass Hat during the War in that quietly composed, overwhelmingly ironical like masterpiece, *The General*—while Arnold Zweig follows up *The Case of Sergeant Grischa* with the relentless anti-war barrage of *Education Before Verdun*.

THE Old School Tie is turned inside-out and shredded in Maurice L. Richardson's swift and riotous social satire, *The Dad Companions*. A killing story. And the tale of a Tough Guy from Chicago's South Side takes on a more-than-American significance in James T. Farrell's bulky and brilliant *Studs Lonigan*.

I was disappointed with Aldous Huxley's *Eyeless in Gaza*, and J. B. Priestley's *They Walk in the City*. But both should go on your list of "Required Reading." For Mr. Huxley, in his increasing concern for unregenerate man, and Mr. Priestley, in his North of England moods, are symbols of our day and age.

The gentle, searching wit of Rosamond Lehmann glows through the



Happy is the Reader..

## Peter the Monster

PETER THE GREAT.  
By Alexei Tolstol.  
(Gollancz, 16s.)

PETER ALEXEIVITCH, "Peter the Great," was born in Moscow in 1672; he became Tsar when he was five years old; he died in his own city of Petersburg in 1724.

In that half-century (effectively in twenty years) this one-man, by his fierce will power and illimitable energy, by his passion for novelty and contempt for tradition, changed the face of Russia.

His methods were ruthless. He beat down all resistance. A great cyclone of a man, sweeping destructively through all opposition. But a tremendous worker, a builder of the new as well as a breaker of the old.

A creative dictator who gave to Russia a new army, a new fleet, new cities, new industries, a new political system, a new social order: a man who forced Europe upon Russia and Russia upon Europe; making with his new order a new nation, which could repel the western invader, claim mastery on the Black and Baltic Seas and compel recognition as a Great Power.

### Tortured His Son

So Peter is a man who is well fitted to become, as he is becoming, a national hero for Slavdom: Russia; the Tsar who may become one of the worthiest of Bohemians.

Only there is the other side of the picture: the Peter who was a crazy drunkard and debauchee; who loved cruelty and torture with sensual delight; who loved himself to wield the knout and the axe; who tortured his own son to death; who could pick up Mary Hamilton's head on the scaffold, kiss it passionately, fling it on the ground and order it to be preserved.

An obscene monster, this Peter. Peter the Monster makes, however, little enough appearance in Alexei Tolstol's *Peter the Great*. Only once or twice do we have a glimpse of the torturer; and then of a man half-reluctantly doing some stern unavoidable thing.

Instead, we have the Peter who prefers the workers to the nobles, the Peter who honours the men who "built a water-driven sawmill from a German model without foreign craftsmen"; the Peter who furiously denounces shoddy cloth; the Peter who wants to "shoe, clothe and arm regiments and give Charles what he deserves."



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Cut four slots like large tailors' buttonholes in the dress, a pair on either side of the centre front, one pair higher than the other. Tie the scarf round your neck and loop it through the slots.

If you don't want to cut your dress, stitch on two straps instead of the slots.

Wear an emerald green scarf with a black dress; a plum scarf with a blue dress; a sky blue scarf with a brown dress.

## TEST ANSWERS

### The Duchess's Diamond

The note to Marta obviously contains a code. The clue to the code is the opening phrase, the last three. Taking the last three letters of each sentence, this is what Playfair read:

You will find . . . what is wanted . . . covered with filth . . . on the shelf . . . in the kitchen. As Playfair remarks, it is just as well to have one's wits about one!

### Week-end Problems

#### PROBLEM I

CYRIL'S JOURNEY  
Cyril walked 3½ miles.

#### PROBLEM II

##### DICE

There can be thirty different dice.

#### PROBLEM III

##### INTRUSIONS

- (1) Reading.
- (2) Sulphur.
- (3) Emerson.
- (4) Hyena.
- (5) Yew.

### Current Affairs

(1)	3	(11)	4	(21)	5
(2)	5	(12)	1	(22)	3
(3)	1	(13)	3	(23)	2
(4)	3	(14)	2	(24)	4
(5)	2	(15)	5	(25)	1
(6)	4	(16)	3	(26)	2
(7)	1	(17)	2	(27)	3
(8)	2	(18)	4	(28)	5
(9)	5	(19)	1	(29)	4
(10)	4	(20)	5	(30)	1



# INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S NOTEBOOK: 11

## The Duchess's DIAMOND

"THERE are times," said Joshua Playfair to Sergeant Lumpkin, "when one needs to have one's wits about one."

"I shouldn't think," said Lumpkin, "that that could ever not have been said of you."

Ignoring the phraseology of what was evidently meant as a compliment, Playfair extracted a paper from his files. "Here's an example of what I mean, Lumpkin. This is a copy of the letter from old Riccardo to his daughter Marta, which enabled me to recover the Knarborough diamond."

"Ah, yes," said Lumpkin. "A famous case that was, I'm told, sir."

Playfair laughed. "I'll just give you the essentials of the story. The diamond, which was worth fifteen thousand, was pinched from the Duchess of Knarborough at a dinner. We'd a shrewd idea who had it—Riccardo (known as 'Lily-fingers') and there was enough evidence to arrest the old bird on suspicion. But of course he denied all knowledge of the diamond. I talked to him like an Uncle at the Yard, and then I told him I was going to search his house and he might as well save me the trouble."

"Riccardo never batted a eyelid. 'Going to my house, are you?' he said. 'Make yourself at home, Playfair, won't you? You'll find my daughter Marta there. And, by the way, you might take her a note from me.'"

"Right," I said. "But I shall have to read it first, you know."

"Of course," said Riccardo. "Whaddya take me for? And this, Lumpkin, is the note that he wrote out:

Scotland Yard.  
"Dear Marta,  
"The last three years I've kept free of the cops, and now here we are again. But the whole affair's a mare's nest, you will find.  
"Fancy arresting me on a trumped-up charge like this! But cheer up! There'll be an inquiry, after this, into the Yard and the dolls who run it—and that clearly is what is wanted!  
"In the meantime, here I sit in the local dungeon. The chairs are uncomfortable, and the walls covered with filth.  
"Give my old friend Playfair what assistance he needs. And he needs all he can get, I can tell you! By the time this case is over, he'll be definitely on the shelf.  
"And send me some clothes, will you? And that volume of *Prunet*, which you'll find on a table in the kitchen.  
"Your long-suffering  
"PAPA."

"I watched Riccardo write that note, Lumpkin, and it seemed to me there was something about his performance that didn't seem quite spontaneous. And when I read the note through, it didn't ring true, either. That's why, when I got to Riccardo's house—before even I'd given the note to his bright little daughter—the first thing I did was to collect the missing diamond."

What was in the note?

## WEEK-END PROBLEMS

By Hubert Phillips

### PROBLEM I CYRIL'S JOURNEY

"To-day," said Cyril, "I did the ten miles from the station in exactly one hour and a half. I walked part of the way, and I ran the remainder. I walked at a steady 4½ miles per hour, and when I run I run just twice as fast as that."

How far did Cyril walk?

### PROBLEM II DICE

Mildred and her uncle were playing a game with dice. "I've often wondered," said Mildred, "how many different dice one could have."

"Different dice?" said her uncle. "Yes, you know," said Mildred. "Different in the sense that there's a different arrangement of spots. Put it another way: how many dice could you have which, though they were the same size, colour and

material, and all spotted 1 to 6, could always be distinguished one from another?"

"Oh, that's soon worked out," said Mildred's uncle. "The answer is —"

What is the answer?

### PROBLEM III INTRUSIONS

In each of the following groups there is one "intruder"—one object, person or place that is clearly different from the others. Name the "intruders":

(1) Chester, Durham, Exeter, Reading, Salisbury.  
(2) Aluminium, Copper, Nickel, Sulphur, Tin.  
(3) Emerson, Grant, Hoover, Lincoln, Washington.  
(4) Cheetah, Hyena, Ounce, Panther, Tiger.  
(5) Beech, Birch, Plane, Sycamore, Yew.

# Current Affairs Test How To Do It

Five possible answers are given for each question. Prime Minister of Great Britain is (1) MacDonald, (2) Chamberlain, (3) Hailsham, (4) Baldwin, (5) Lloyd George. The number 4 (meaning Baldwin) has been placed at the right of 0 on the answer sheet. Answers on Page Ten.

## Home Affairs

1.—The Socialist League has formed a united front with the I.L.P. and the Communists. The leader of the Socialist League is (1) Mr. Attlee, (2) Mr. Maxton, (3) Sir Stafford Cripps, (4) Mr. Gallacher, (5) Mr. Lansbury.

2.—Dismissals at naval dockyards have created a sensation. The responsible Minister is (1) Mr. Baldwin, (2) Sir John Simon, (3) Mr. Duff Cooper, (4) Mr. Eden, (5) Sir Samuel Hoare.

3.—The Duke of Gloucester is giving up his army career to assist in public functions. His regiment is the (1) 10th Hussars, (2) Life Guards, (3) Grenadier Guards, (4) Gloucestershire Regiment, (5) Royal Horse Guards.

4.—Parliament will, it is understood, vote some Cabinet Ministers increased salaries. At present the Prime Minister's salary is (1) £13,000, (2) £10,000, (3) £5,000, (4) £6,000 and an allowance for entertainment (5) £2,000.

5.—Post Office savings deposits at the end of 1936 totalled (1) £710,000,000, (2) £432,000,000, (3) £306,000,000, (4) £198,000,000, (5) £87,000,000.

## World Affairs

6.—Navies and armies of world Powers will draw a cordon around Spain in order to prevent the entry of volunteers and munitions. The Canary Islands will be guarded by Great Britain. The capital of the Canaries is (1) Tenerife, (2) Palma, (3) Lanzarote, (4) Santa Cruz, (5) Las Palmas.

7.—Baron von Neurath has been holding important conversations with the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg. Baron von Neurath is (1) German Foreign Minister, (2) Chairman of the Reichsbank, (3) German Ambassador to Vienna, (4) German Ambassador to Rome, (5) Chairman of the Nazi Party.

8.—Foreign warships may not use the Kiel Canal without permission. The canal connects (1) The Elbe with the Weser, (2) The North Sea with the Baltic, (3) The Oder with the Vistula, (4) The Zuyder Zee with the Ems, (5) The Rhine with the Scheidel.

9.—Lord Tweedsmuir opened the Parliament at Ottawa recently. Lord Tweedsmuir is well known as the creator of (1) Raffles, (2) "Bulldog" Drummond, (3) Winnie the Pooh, (4) Father Brown, (5) General Hannay.

10.—Fierce fighting has been proceeding around Oviedo, which is the capital of (1) Old Castille, (2) Granada, (3) Catalonia, (4) Asturias, (5) Aragon.

## General

11.—It was Mr. Lloyd George's birthday last month. He is (1) 63, (2) 68, (3) 71, (4) 74, (5) 79.

12.—"Gold Staff Officers" for the Coronation ceremony are now being nominated. Their appointments rest with the (1) Earl Marshall, (2) Dean of Westminster, (3) Speaker, (4) Archbishop of Canterbury, (5) Master of the Horse.

13.—The design of King George VI. postage stamps is being eagerly discussed. Those who are specially interested in stamps are known as (1) psychiatrists, (2) toxicologists, (3) philatelists, (4) lapidaries, (5) seismologists.

14.—A German destroyer is being named after Hans Lody. Lody figured in the late war as (1) aviator, (2) spy, (3) submarine commander, (4) cavalry officer, (5) expert in trench warfare.

15.—An International Regatta, to commemorate the Coronation, is to be held in the latter part of June. The venue is (1) Cowes, (2) Felixstowe, (3) Falmouth, (4) Milford Haven, (5) Torbay.

16.—Particularly humid weather has been experienced in Hongkong during the past week, the humidity reaching (1) 98 per cent, (2) 87 per cent, (3) 100 per cent, (4) 94 per cent, (5) 97 per cent.

17.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is to lecture at London University. He has been (1) President of the U.S.A., (2) Governor-General of the Philippines, (3) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, (4) Secretary of State, (5) Governor of New York.

18.—Recently we celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Lord Byron.

## Arts and Books

19.—Mr. Harold Samuel, the pianist, is dead. He was famous as an interpreter of (1) Bach, (2) Tchaikowsky, (3) Chopin, (4) Brahms, (5) Beethoven.

20.—A pictorialisation of Lewis Sinclair's "Dodsworth" is coming to Hongkong shortly. The principal role will be played by (1) Norma Shearer, (2) Gladys Swarthout, (3) Mary Brian, (4) Greta Garbo, (5) Ruth Chatterton.

21.—A famous London theatre about to be rebuilt is (1) Globe, (2) Haymarket, (3) Criterion, (4) St. James's, (5) Prince of Wales.

22.—"Balalaika" is a triumph of production. The producer is (1) C. B. Cochran, (2) Tyrone Guthrie, (3) Leontine Sagan, (4) Athole Stewart, (5) Noel Coward.

23.—"Madame Butterfly" has been revived at Sadler's Wells. The scene of the opera is laid in (1) Honolulu, (2) Japan, (3) Titipu, (4) Barataria, (5) Paris.

24.—Deanna Durbin, a new star, has made a remarkable hit in "Three Smart Girls", which had its second screening at a major theatre in Hongkong this week. This star is

aged (1) 21; (2) 18; (3) 10; (4) 13; (5) 17.

25.—Emil Ludwig has written the life story of a river. The river is the (1) Nile, (2) Thames, (3) Euphrates, (4) Seine, (5) Ganges.

26.—"Famine" is the new novel by (1) Phyllis Bentley, (2) Liam O'Flaherty, (3) Daphne Du Maurier, (4) Pearl Buck, (5) Arthur Calder-Marshall.

## Sport

27.—The annual races were held in Hongkong this week. Winner of the 1937 Derby was (1) Havoc Eve, (2) Thunder Bay, (3) Happy Eve, (4) Rob Roy, (5) Expansion Time.

28.—The final test match started in Melbourne yesterday. In the fourth test at Adelaide (1) England won by an innings and 28 runs; (2) Australia won by 91 runs; (3) England won by 178 runs; (4) England won by 257 runs; (5) Australia won by 148 runs.

29.—At snooker a record break of 151 ("unofficial") has been made by (1) S. Smith, (2) W. Smith, (3) Newman, (4) H. Lindrum, (5) Davis.

30.—Up to date, 30 test matches have been played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Two have been drawn and Australia has won (1) 16; (2) 14; (3) 12; (4) 11; (5) 9.

## SCORE SHEET

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SCORE:

## Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies.—You must have liked last week's Competition, to judge from the large number of entries which have reached me. I can tell you that it was quite a job looking through all the efforts and carefully going through each one. There were very few wrong entries this time, so that, once again, age and neatness were the chief factors in deciding the winners.

After a lot of time and thought, I have come to the conclusion that the Junior prize should go to Jacqueline Matthews (aged 11), 289 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

The Junior prize is won by June Martin (aged 7), 36 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

Will the winners call at the "Telegraph" Office for their prizes?

Specially commended for neat work are the following Seniors: Peggy Barton, Mimi da Roza, Frankie Hughes, Betty Wadmore, Cyril Griffith, Audrey Barton, Margie Xavier, William Barker, Christopher Kingsbury, Helene Ozorio, Aurea Marques, Ada Sullad, Ronnie Thompson, Charles W. Foster, Margaret Chon, Ada Foster, Ho Shuk-chun, Yvonne Shaw, Olivia E. Bolebo, Peggy Prince, Margaret Macfarlane, Hazel Slater, Doreen Stephens, Irene Mann; and the following Juniors:—William P. McMahon, Moira Patey, Jacqueline Brown, Dudley McMahon, Freda Stephens, Ronald Cameron, Marium Curreen, George Hudson, Anthony Culcher, Jean Drennan, Mary Fitzgerald.

Now, children, here's another Competition which I am sure you will all like. The sketch shows a picture of a girl in fancy dress. What you have to do is to draw in her features and then colour the completed sketch with your paints or crayons. There will be two prizes—one for those from 10 to 14 years; and the other for those under 10.

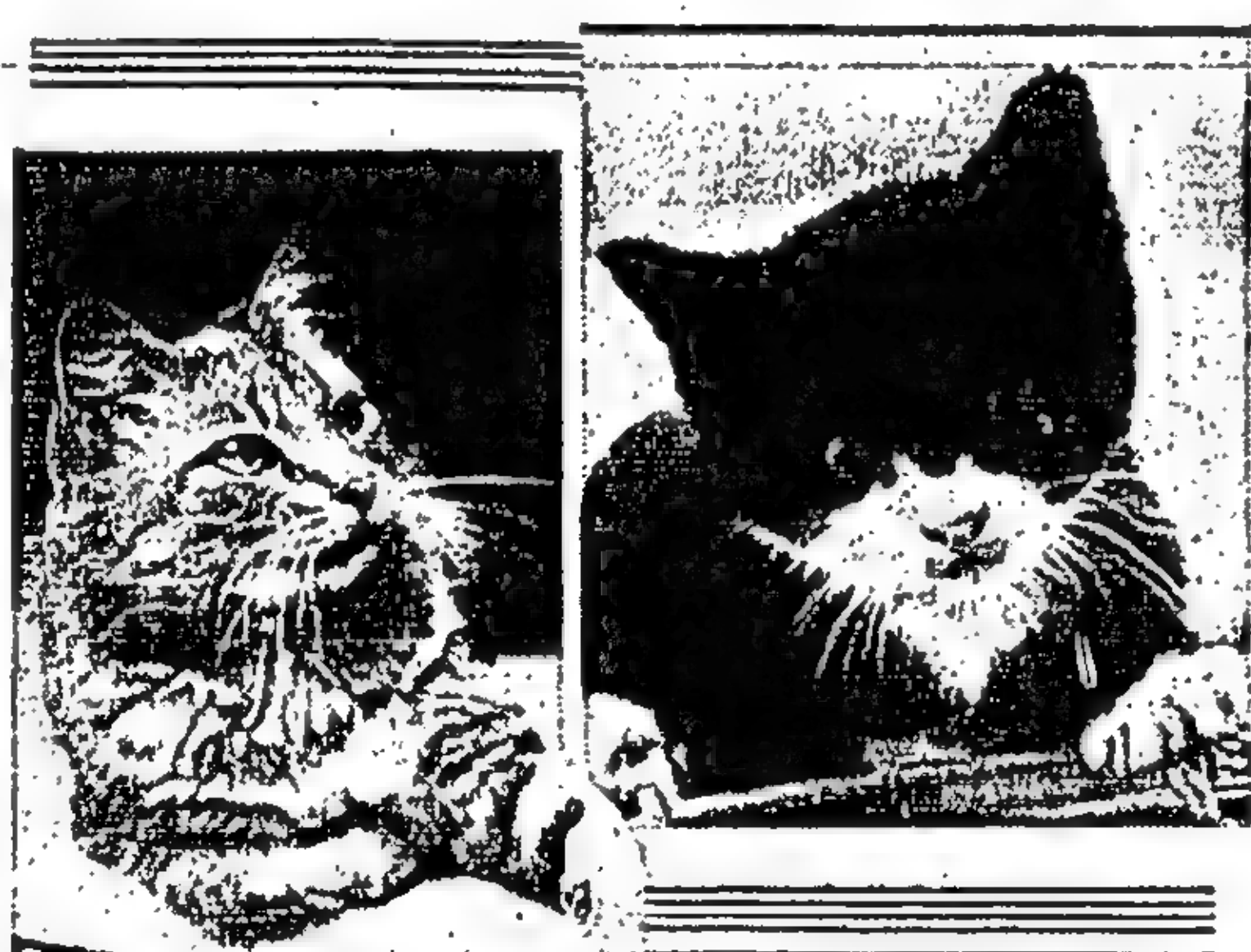


Send your entries, not forgetting to mention your age, to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," so as to reach him not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Who'll win the prizes this time, I wonder? Lots of love, KIDDIES.

UNCLE EDDIE.

## The SNAPSHOT GUILD

### CAT PORTRAITS



Did the photographer say, "Watch the birds"? This command ought to mean something to a cat, but, as a matter of fact, these poses were obtained by dangling a bright object near the camera.

It is natural for an amateur photographer, according to his tastes and interests, to become intrigued with one kind of picture subject: animals, machinery, trees, skyscrapers, wild life, marine views, and what not. The result, often, is that he finds himself pursuing a fascinating hobby within a hobby—searching for and photographing interesting types of his favorite picture subject.

One of the most enjoyable and challenging of one-subject hobbies is making portraits of cats. You soon learn that the mature cat is an animal of many expressions, and that he rarely fails to reward you with an interesting "bo." You discover, also, that cats have individuality, even those of the same breed. Consequently, in making cat portraits you obtain a variety of distinctive studies.

Sometimes—and this is the challenging part of cat photography—you need something more than photographic skill to be successful. When it comes to posing for the camera, the feline is often a perverse creature. Dogs beyond the puppy stage are generally obedient, but, to keep a cat in front of the lens, it is usually necessary to entertain him. Even then, Thomas is likely to "take a walk" out of the view finder, with complete indifference to what you say to him or about him. He has a mind of his own. Hence, there will be times when you will need Christian patience and an assistant to recover

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Sanhor Rogello Robles, the new Consul-General for Panama in Hongkong. (Photo: Kobza).



These men wage constant warfare on crime in Hongkong. They are the officers of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Police Force. The group was taken in honour of Chief Detective Inspector Shannon, who is shortly leaving the Colony. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Mr. A. Steven and Miss Jean Leppard were married last week at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, when the above group was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



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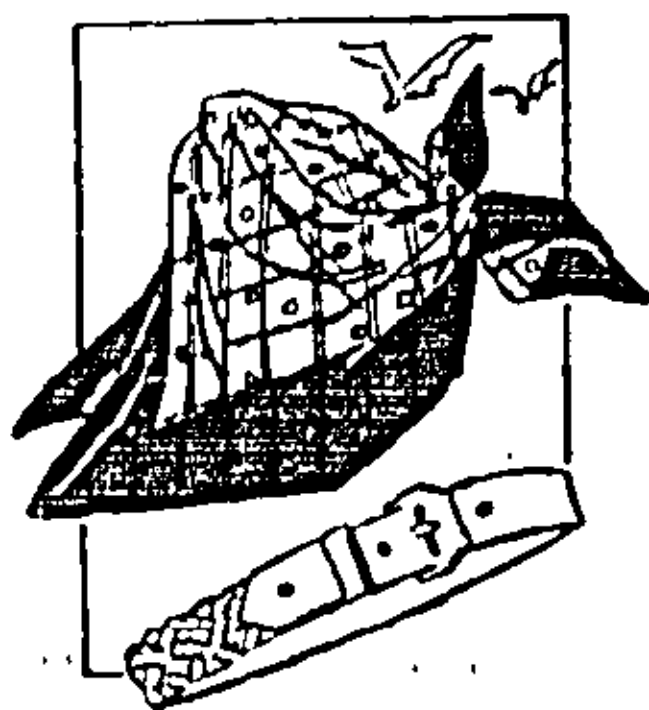
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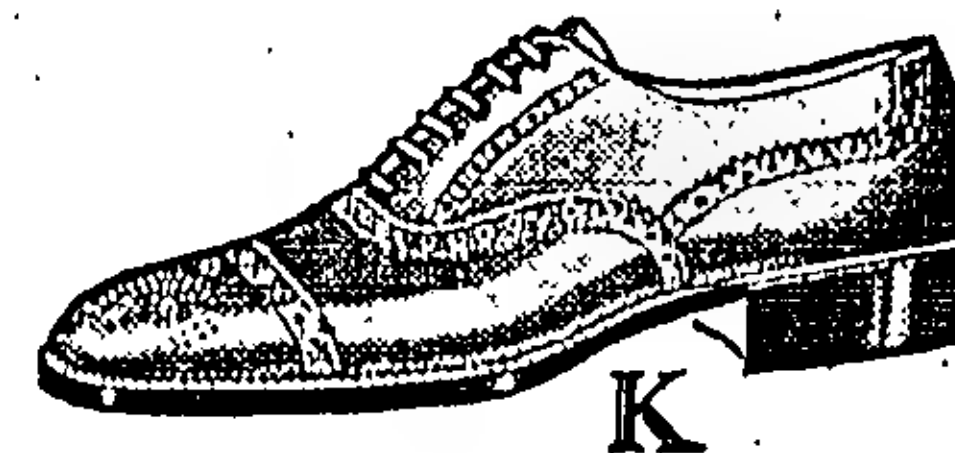
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Bridal group taken at the wedding, at Kowloon Union Church last Saturday, of Mr. D. N. Parsons and Miss B. J. Spaulding. (Photo: King's Studio).



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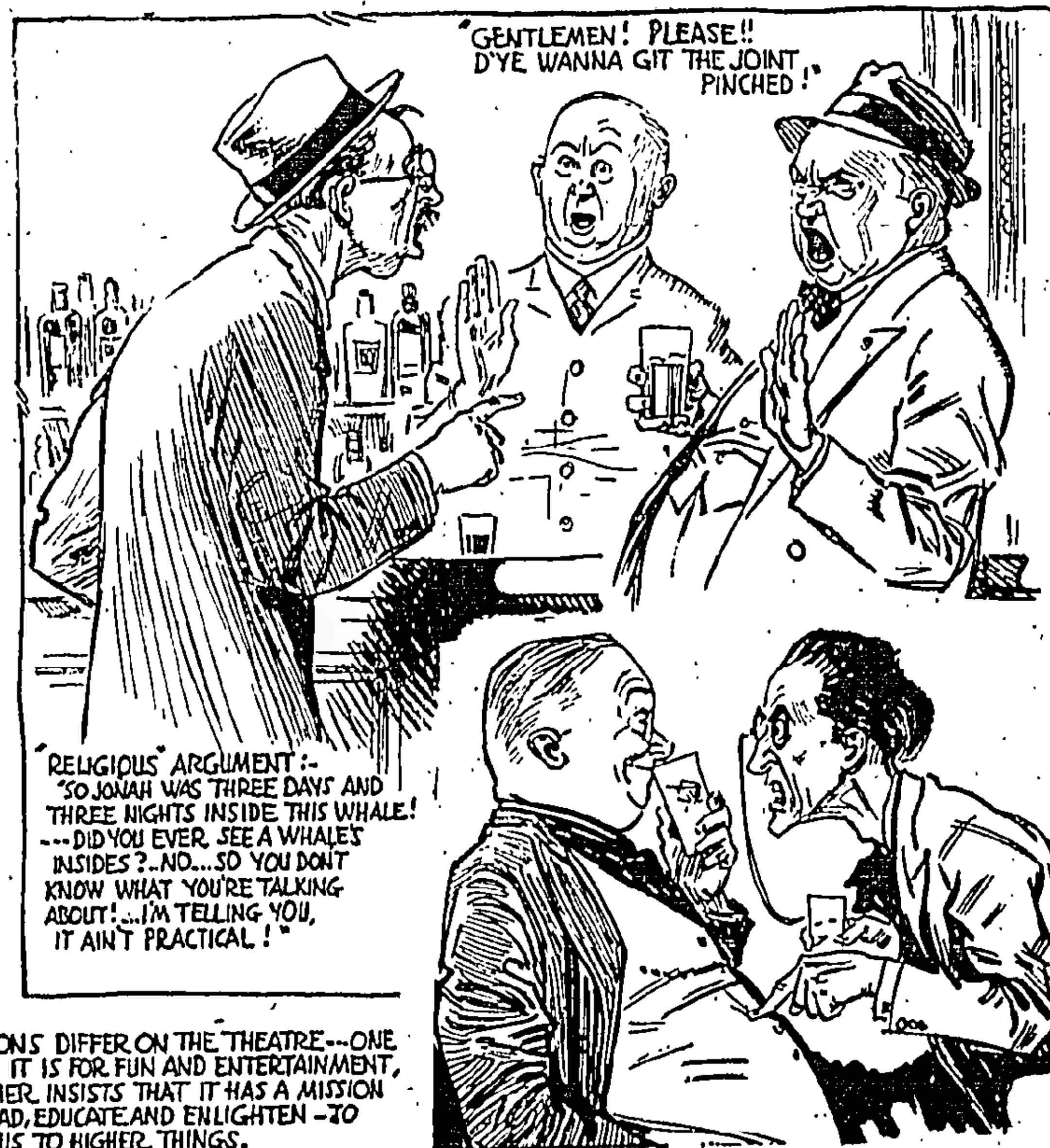


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## JAPAN'S FINANCE: GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Budget Inspires  
Misgivings For  
Future Stability

"THE situation in Japan does not on the face of it make for optimism and persons trained in economics are making gloomiest of forecasts as the outcome of the political, financial and trade situation as it exists at present," said the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson during his speech at the Annual Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

As regards Japanese trade and shipping the position appears fairly bright, but Mr. Paterson confessed to misgivings regarding the Japanese Budget.

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5,000 miles of new railways within five years, and thus practically to double the existing system within that period. At the same time he has been bringing his business training to bear on the problems of the existing lines and he has the good fortune to point to record earnings on those two very important lines, the Peking-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Railways.

Some of the agreements made by the Ministry during the year for railway construction have been on a comparatively short term and some what uneconomic basis, but we understand that the Chinese Government intend to press forward on whatever terms they can best obtain credits. Their view is that many of their most serious problems will be solved if means of communication can be developed rapidly. It stands to reason of course that the Government will gladly avail themselves of sounder and more economical finance as soon as it is available.

## CHINA'S TRADE SITUATION

As regards the trade situation in China, the most significant change is that to be noted in the Customs figures of the export trade which last year amounted to \$700 millions. This is 22 per cent. higher than the year before and, in terms of the C.G.U., imports actually show a reduction of 85 millions of C.U.

The adverse trade balance was just under \$230 millions, which is the lowest figure since 1919, when China's exchange was almost at its peak, and it compares surprisingly with the figure of \$1,087 millions in 1931, when exchange was at its lowest point. Any estimate of the international balance of payments must, in view of the continued lack of reliable statistics, remain highly uncertain, but the improved conditions in China, the Philippine Islands and the Netherlands East Indies are likely to affect remittances from overseas Chinese favourably, and the balance may well prove to be in China's favour.

During the early part of the year trade conditions did not appear so wretched as they did in the early months of 1936, when certain export commodities in which America was taking an interest, particularly wood-oil, but towards the autumn a definite change became apparent.

The demand for Chinese produce remained steady and, added to this, the effect of the good crops, to which I have already referred, began to make itself felt.

**BUMPER CROPS**

In many parts there were, in fact, bumper crops. In the Yangtze Valley the rice yields were exceptionally good and, in some localities, as high as 40 per cent. above the normal average. The wheat crop, said to be about 500 million piculs, was fair, though not up to the best records. The cotton crop passed all records by a good margin. The production is estimated to have reached about 15 million piculs of 133 lbs. which is over 3 million piculs higher than ever recorded in the past. The acreage under production is further estimated to have increased at least 12 per cent. over the previous high mark. Much of the credit for the good cotton crop must be given to the National Economic Council, a tribute to whose work was paid by your Chairman two years ago.

The improved demand for wood-oil has, made that commodity the leading one in the list of Chinese exports, beating all other goods in value and quantity. Other export commodities show improvements, especially tin, but one feature of the year is the trend towards monopolies and state control in the export trade, which is partly due to the conclusion of barrier agreements with foreign countries. The economic wisdom of this policy is of course very doubtful, especially in China where administrative experience is lacking and other internal difficulties abound.

The import figures which I have given might not seem to warrant much optimism, especially as the analysis shows that in many cases where progress can be traced it was due to purchases on account of the Chinese Government. Nevertheless, it is clear that for the larger part of the drop in imports was due to those goods which China is well able to produce and now is, producing herself in

larger quantities, namely rice and wheat, raw cotton and cheap cotton goods (imports of the latter are incidentally at their lowest point for a great many years). The effect of the improvement in the internal situation was only just beginning to be felt at the end of the year, but import merchants are generally agreed that the outlook is more promising.

## MANCHURIAN POSITION

I have referred to the good crops in China during the past year and to the improved position of the export trade, but when we turn to Manchuria China's figures lose by comparison. Up there exports have increased no less than 42 per cent. compared with the previous year, and the total exports from Manchuria are within 20 per cent. of those of China. This improvement is mainly due to the better prices obtained for Beans. Bean products which actually provide not far short of half of the total exports, have been improved by 14 per cent., and the foreign trade total of about M.Y. 1,200 million is an easy all-time record. The adverse trade balance was last year reduced considerably, but it is clear that Japan, which is responsible for about two-thirds of Manchuria's trade, is still furnishing extensive credits to that country. Internal conditions have improved, but no noticeable benefit has yet accrued to European or American exporters, and a foreign exchange control law, has increased traders' difficulties.

## GLOOMY JAPANESE OUTLOOK

The situation in Japan does not on the face of it make for optimism and persons trained in economics are making gloomiest of forecasts as to the outcome of the political, financial and trade situation as it exists at present. It is impossible to foretell how the political situation will develop, but we hope for the best. As regards the budget, we must confess to misgivings. But as regards trade, the position here seems to warrant pessimistic conclusions. Last year's figures again showed considerable expansion and compare very favourably with those of many other countries. Exports have increased about 8 per cent., in spite of the heavy tariffs and quotas, while the visible adverse balance of trade is believed to have been covered by invisible receipts. Shipping has been very prosperous and the tourist trade greater than ever. The drastic exchange control measures instituted in January 8 of this year, aimed at dealing with the nervousness in the exchange market caused by the unbalanced budget and the prospects of heavy buying abroad to cover Army and Navy requirements. These measures should result in a better balance between imports and exports, but there are no indications of any serious check in the expansion of trade throughout the present year.

In Malaya, as in China, trade began to look up in the second half of 1936, mainly because of the better demand for the two chief products—tin and rubber. Prices have been at remunerative levels for producers, and the prospects for the present year are promising.

In the Philippine Islands political conditions have been normal, and the business community feel confident that they will be able to operate without legislative interference. The boom in gold mining has been coupled with higher prices for the main local commodities, such as sugar, copra, and hemp, and as a result the export figures have increased considerably while the financial position of the Government has also improved. Increased taxation on the production of mines and on corporate incomes may affect the importation of foreign capital, but the outlook is, generally speaking, good.

## FUTUROUS BRIGHT

In conclusion, may I just remind you that in times of difficulty wide differences of opinion are to be expected in business circles; and more especially do bankers and their constituents find points of disagreement. It must be remembered that the last few years have been an exceptionally trying and uncertain period. The world is now emerging from its difficulties. Some countries have come through better than others, and the Far East has come through better than many parts. On the whole the outlook is reasonably bright, but it is not safe to prophesy what the future holds in store. For ourselves, our desire and our duty is by collaboration with those of like mind, whether in China or in the other countries in which we operate, to work for a steady expansion of international trade, and more especially

Highlights  
Of Speech

Bank net profit for year, \$15,107,175.

The trade depression which developed in 1929 has now moved away from the greater part of the world. But the outlook is still obscure, and there is a danger that the artificial "boom" may disappear if certain economic factors are not adjusted.

Last year was a year of changes, bright periods and periods of gloom, marchings and counter-marchings, for China. But the bright moments have had the best of it, and the outlook will still further improve.

The lowered rate of exchange has encouraged exports, and although imports have been adversely affected the steadiness of exchange has offset this disadvantage.

Signs of recovery are clearly apparent in China. Excellent crops throughout the country have been a great boon.

Excellent progress has been made in the settlement of China's foreign debts in arrears, and it now seems that all Chinese loans floated in London, excepting the Hukwang Railways, have been readjusted as satisfactorily as can be expected.

Cumulative effects of the great progress in the development of communications in China is now making themselves felt, and the country is being opened up in a remarkable way.

While China's trade figures are satisfactory, they lose in comparison with Manchuria's, where the total exports are now within 20 per cent. of those of China. Manchuria's internal conditions have improved, but no noticeable benefit has yet accrued to European or American exporters.

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Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on defendant.

BOWEN ROAD  
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SCHEME

The Government is inviting tenders for the widening of Magazine Gap Road and the provision of a car park at its junction of Bowen Road. The work comprises all the necessary walling, decking and surfacing for improving the road line and forming a car park, and widening the bridge, both with all necessary contingent works.

Tenders are also being invited for the erection of concrete structure to cover an existing car park, together with footpaths and other contingent works.

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With these remarks, ladies and gentlemen, I beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question that may be asked, to the best of my ability.

Cooperation  
Between  
Canton and  
HongkongMR. TAGGART'S  
REMARKS

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—In rising to accord formal support to the motion covering the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I have at the back of my mind advice made available to a Shareholder—in a similar position of second—in connection with the flow of words deemed advisable to suitably amplify the bare expression of acquiescence to the following effect—To think out carefully the opening sentence—to think out carefully the closing sentence—and to bring the two together as speedily as possible.

I trust that my endeavour to adhere to the principles of that golden rule will not—to-day—leave me open to charges of inadequacy, particularly in the light of the comprehensive survey which you—Mr. Chairman—have so ably presented to us in relation to matters economic and political, the trend of which have such sharp reaction upon the conditions of trading encountered by the Bank in its various spheres of operation. For your informative and heartening address, I tender you our sincere thanks.

Turning to the financial results for the year under review, I am confident I voice the unanimous desire of constituents in proffering the Court of Directors—and in particular to Mr. Grayburn, our Chief Manager—and to those able colleagues who have worked in collaboration with him—our congratulations on the excellence of the results achieved as evidenced by the Accounts with which we are again presented. I would add—Verily there are still giants in the land.

## SYMPATHY WITH TRADERS

Mr. Chairman, you have stated to-day that it is the desire of the Bank to work for a steady expansion of trade—and British trade in particular—in the countries within which the Bank operates. In so far as this Colony is concerned—and speaking from personal experience—I would affirm that the sympathetic attitude of the Bank to traders and corporations alike covering the past years of severe depression—to which you make reference—has been indeed marked. Moreover, it has been sympathy of a degree not bounded by verbal expression alone, but endorsed by the co-operation, and active assistance, of officials of the Bank. In this relation, I may add, many concerns which have, with the aid of the Bank emerged through stormy times of a severity likely to have swamped them—bear gratitude.

## SIR ANDREW CALDECOTT

It is observed that close co-operation between Canton and Hongkong is looked forward to, and I am confident that Shareholders should endorse your hope that the foundation laid by His Excellency Sir Andrew Caldecott—on the occasion of his visit to Canton—will, under the present enlightened administration in that City, in due course support a structure of mutual understanding, reciprocity and goodwill of a strength as will be difficult to demolish. His Excellency's rapid advancement in the Colonial Service bears testimony to the fact, ability and administrative capacity which has been displayed to the full by His Excellency during his brief term of office here. At the impending departure of Sir Andrew and Lady Caldecott the Colony universally holds regret.

We have also suffered the loss of a staunch supporter for the promotion of friendly relations between Canton and Hongkong in the person of the late Sir Consul General, Mr. Herbert Phillips. In this case also, no course remains to us but to adjust our sense of regret to a consciousness of gratification at his well deserved promotion to higher office, and to express good wishes for his future well being.

It is indeed gratifying to gather from your remarks that your diagnosis of the situation in the Far East embraces confidence that the better conditions which have prevailed during recent months will proceed to greater improvement. In the realisation of such an enhancement we are assured that the Bank will continue in the forefront of trade expansion manoeuvres, worthily maintaining the dignity and prestige of British Banking, and in its operations further warranting its description "The corner stone to the fabric of Far Eastern Finance."

In conclusion, I desire to express to the staff—whose excellence of service and loyalty are traditional—our deep sense of gratitude at their efforts which have contributed materially to the eminently satisfactory position displayed in the Accounts which are submitted for adoption to-day.

With these few remarks, Mr. Chairman, I have great pleasure in seconding your proposal that the Report and Accounts as presented be

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7.30 p.m. Hongkong Stock Exchange Summary and Exchange Market Report.  
7.33 A Light Saxophone Recital by Howard Jacobs.

1. I love the moon (Rubens); 2. From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadmian); 3. At dawn (Cadmian); 4. Down in the forest (Sir Landon Ronald).

7.45 From the Studio. A Recital of Ballads by J. McNaught Thomson (baritone).

1. Gargoes... Coningsby Clarke; 2. Sombre Woods (Bois Epais)... J. Michael Dyack; 3. Where the Abana flows... Woodforde Finden; 4. For you alone... H. B. Ghies; 5. Far and high the cranes give cry—Korby.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

## 8.03 A Variety Programme.

Vocal—Wandering shoes... The Hill Billies; Instrumental—Medley of Stephen Foster Songs... The Brothers Berlin; Vocal—Outside of you, Lonely Gondolier... Dick Powell; Accordion Band—Accordeon Nights—Medley... Gerardo and His Accordeon Band; Humorous—Scientifically of course... Murgatroyd and Winterbottom; Hawaiian—Hawaiian Love Waltz... Noi Lane's Hawaiian Orchestra; Piano Solo—Piano Medley No. 10... Charlie Kunz; Vocal—The echo of a song... Turner Layton; Instrumental—My dream—Waltz... The Bohemians; Vocal—Musical Comedy Requests... Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors; Orchestra—Jerome Kern—Medley... Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans; Instrumental—La Corrida... "La Argentina"; Vocal—Stardust... The Radio Three; Instrumental—Many happy returns for the day, Orchestra—You Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

## 9.05 London—News and Announcements.

9.25 London—The Fifth Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. A ball-by-ball commentary by Victor Richardson and the last ten minutes of the second day followed by a resume of the day's play by Alan Kippax. From Melbourne (Electrical Recording).

## 9.45 Song Memories.

The little Dutch Mill (Freed and Barris), ... Derickson and Brown; One morning in May (Parish and Carmichael); You oughta be in Pictures (Herman and Sussner); Derickson and Brown; Musketoon Melodies (No. 1) ... The Four Musketeers.

10 p.m. London—Big Ben. A Relay of the Dance Orchestra from (Continued on Page 4.)

adopted.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. S. T. Williamson proposed and Mr. H. R. Sturt seconded that the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. J. Paterson and Mr. A. H. Compton be re-elected to the Board of Directors, and the motion was approved.

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau proposed and Mr. J. H. Selh seconded that Mr. John Fleming, C.A., and Mr. H. R. Forsyth, C.A., be re-elected auditors, and the motion was carried.


This concluded the business of the meeting.

Amongst those present were: Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), Mr. G. Miskin (Deputy Chairman), Messrs. J. K. Bousfield, A. H. Compton, Hon. S. H. Dodwell, M. T. Johnson, J. R. Maeson, K. S. Morrison, T. E. Pearce, A. L. Shields (Directors), Mr. V. M. Grayburn (Chief Manager), Mr. A. S. Henchman (Shanghai Manager), Mr. A. Morse (Chief Accountant), and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. H. Taggart, S. T. Williamson, F. W. Stapleton, Hon. T. N. Chau, H. R. Sturt, J. H. Selh, F. Schelber, D. V. Stevenson, Chun Wing-kew, F. C. Barry, R. A. Dastur, E. H. Summers, J. A. Plummer, R. B. Bancroft, Hon. A. W. Hughes, S. H. Ross, E. Landale, J. Fleming, J. M. Alves, J. D. Danby, N. V. A. Croucher, P. S. Cuspidy, Lo Kai-wing, Mrs. C. A. March, Messrs. J. B. Montargis, H. Owen-Hughes, P. C. Potts, E. S. Abraham, Chua Seng-choo, S. M. Churn, D. H. Cooper, Fung Kong-ung, H. R. Forsyth, H. R. B. Hancock, Ho Wing, Lo Kai-wing, G. G. N. Tinson and Dr. F. H. Kew.

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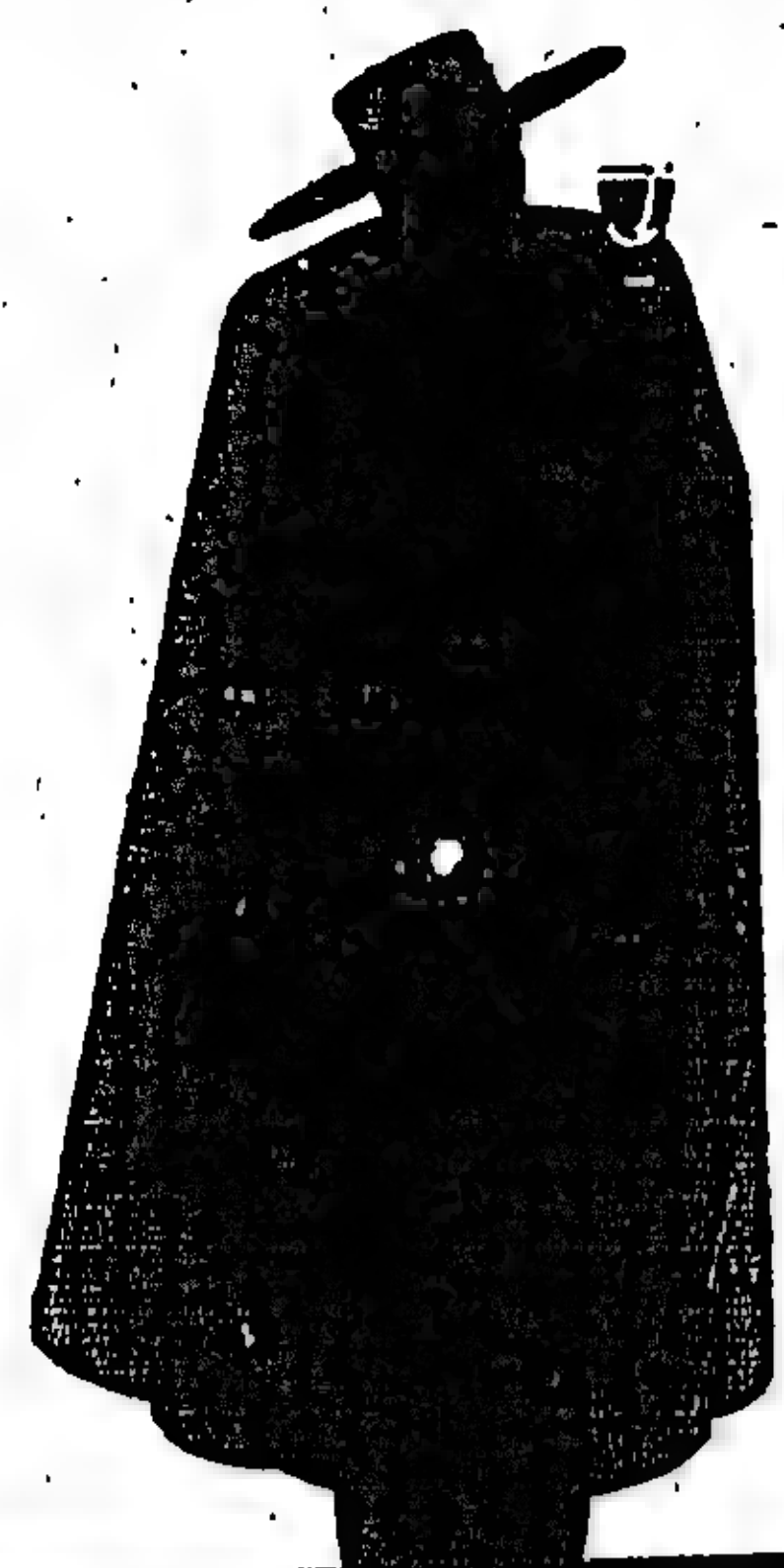
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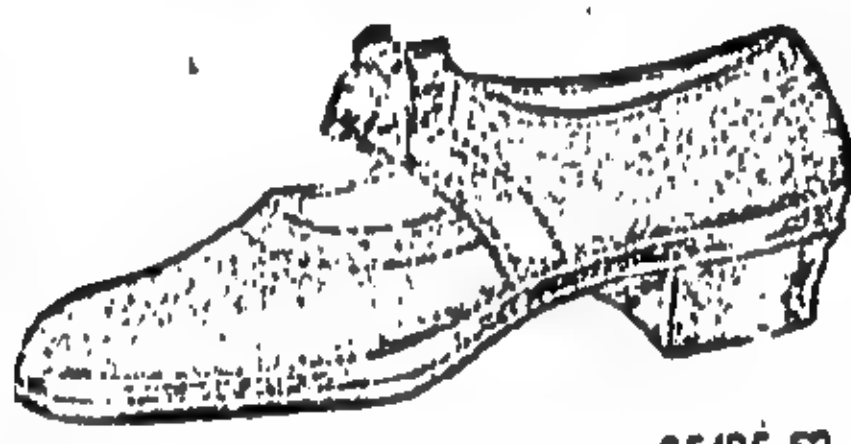
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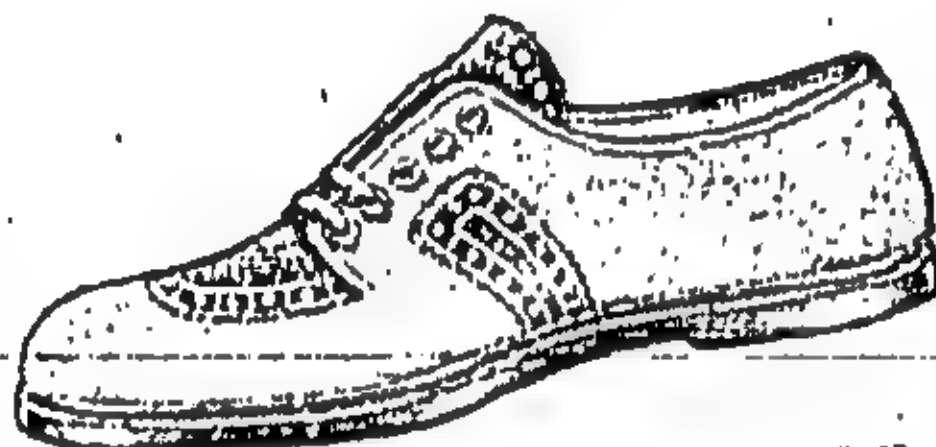
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**MRS. FLORENCE MAUD ROBINSON**, wife of the central figure in a famous Mr. "A" case in London in 1926, has returned to England from the United States.

Before going to America, Mrs. Robinson was a resident in Hongkong. She was here for six months before continuing her travels, said she was happy here until the news got round that she was Mrs. Robinson. "So I had to pack up and go to avoid publicity," she said in London.

Ever since the famous Mr. "A" case ended, said Mrs. Robinson, she has been forced to travel.

Besides Hongkong, she lived in France, Germany, Australia, Bermuda, Japan and America.

"Everywhere, however, I was found out," she said. "The 12 years of my life have been hell."

"Now I am home in Britain—my own country—I have definitely finished with roaming. All I ask is to be allowed to settle down and not have people pointing me out as the 'Mrs. Robinson—you remember the case.'"

"I have lost all my money, and, to be perfectly frank with you, I feel 'smashed.'"

"When I was in New York I was very ill with pneumonia. I have never really recovered from that illness—I feel like an old crock. Now I am home, I am going to rest and get my strength back."

ON ELLIS ISLAND

"What happened to you at Ellis Island. There was some trouble about your permit, was there not?" she was asked.

"Yes, that is true," she replied. "It was all a mistake. I thought that my permit allowed me to stay a year in the United States. Apparently I could stay only 90 days."

"As a result of this I had to spend a fortnight in Ellis Island."

"Now I suppose I must start life all over again—broke and very weary. But I shall find something. There is one thing I would like to make quite clear. I have not seen anyone connected with the case since it ended, except my husband."

PLOT ALLEGED

The Mr. "A" case was in November, 1924. Mr. Charles E. Robinson made a claim against the Midland Bank concerning two cheques for £150,000 signed by a Mr. "A", who subsequently was revealed as an Indian prince.

The bank alleged that there was a plot to trap Mr. "A" with Mrs. Robinson, and won the case.

Mr. Robinson is at present in Jersey City prison awaiting extradition to South Carolina, where he will face a charge of violating the Federal Stolen Properties Act.

## Shell As She Used A Bed-warmer

FOR years Mrs. M. Jones, aged 73, of Newhall, Ashley-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, has used a 10-pounder shell as a bed-warmer.

A war relic, it had brought her nightly warmth since she acquired it after the Armistice.

Although it was complete to look at, the careful donor had removed the powder.

Despite its emptiness, Mrs. Jones had never made it more than "just warm."

But when she was taken ill she asked a neighbour, Mrs. Broad, to heat the shell for her.

Mrs. Broad put it in her oven. A few minutes later there was a terrific explosion.

The oven door was blown across the room and much damage was done.

Luckily, Mrs. Broad had just gone out of the room and so escaped injury.

The explanation of the explosion was that the air inside the empty shell expanded and blew the cap off.

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The Australian total of population estimated by Dr. Roland Wilson, the Commonwealth statistician, shows an increase of 30,025 in nine months.

The total is made up of 3,495,463 males and 3,350,076 females.

Tasmania was the only State to show a decrease in population. This was attributed to migration.

## DON'T LIVE WITH YOUR "IN-LAWS"

MARRYING PARSON'S  
ADVICE

New York, Feb. 15.

Marry young and don't live with your in-laws is the formula given by the "Marrying Parson" of the Church of the Strangers—a bachelor who has performed 800 wedding ceremonies and made most of them stick by his unique follow-up method.

The Rev. Paul Mansfield Spencer has just finished his yearly lecture at the "Bride and groom" ceremony—an annual gathering of persons whom he has married in the odd little church on West 57th Street. Divorces are so rare among his followers that he had to dig back into dog-eared books to find what he calls "a tragedy."

Two hundred persons attended this year, and there came letters from all over the country and Canada saying little things like "Sorry we can't make it this year" and "the baby is teething" and "Business is keeping us here." Nevertheless, it was a jolly occasion with everybody having sandwiches, coffee and cake. Spencer had married everybody in the room—ushers, organists, choir singers and those who just came to visit.

Spencer philosophized on marriage and explained his technique.

"It is hard to lay down general rules about successful marriage, but I will try," he said.

"Don't marry until you have enough money to live comfortably. Love has got to have something green to live on."

"Have your own home if it's only one room. Under no circumstances should young people live with their in-laws."

"Marry young if you can afford it, because that allows you to adjust your lives to each other before it's too late."

Spencer writes an average of 40 letters a week, to persons whom he has married, advising them on financial matters, family quarrels and the set-up of the home. His mail is heavy and sometimes people travel to New York especially to consult him. Once a woman came in and put a gun on his desk, explaining that she was afraid for her husband to keep it. Spencer gave the gun back to the man.

The Church of the Strangers is like no other church in the world. It belongs to no denomination and its primary purpose is to welcome lonely people to New York. It was founded during the Civil war as a place where Southerners—then ostracized in the north—could meet, have social affairs and worship. Its doors are always open and Spencer spends much of his time talking with strangers. Asked why he had never married himself, Spencer replied: "I am too busy marrying nice girls to other people."—United Press.

**FREDDIE MAY GO TO  
OXFORD**

**Or Maybe Cambridge;  
He Has Not Decided**

Freddie Bartholomew, twelve-year-old British film star, may go to Oxford or Cambridge.

University days are still five or six years away for him, but he is making preparations.

His aunt, Miss Millicent Bartholomew, revealed that Freddie had already written to Oxford and Cambridge and three American universities, asking them for particulars of qualification.

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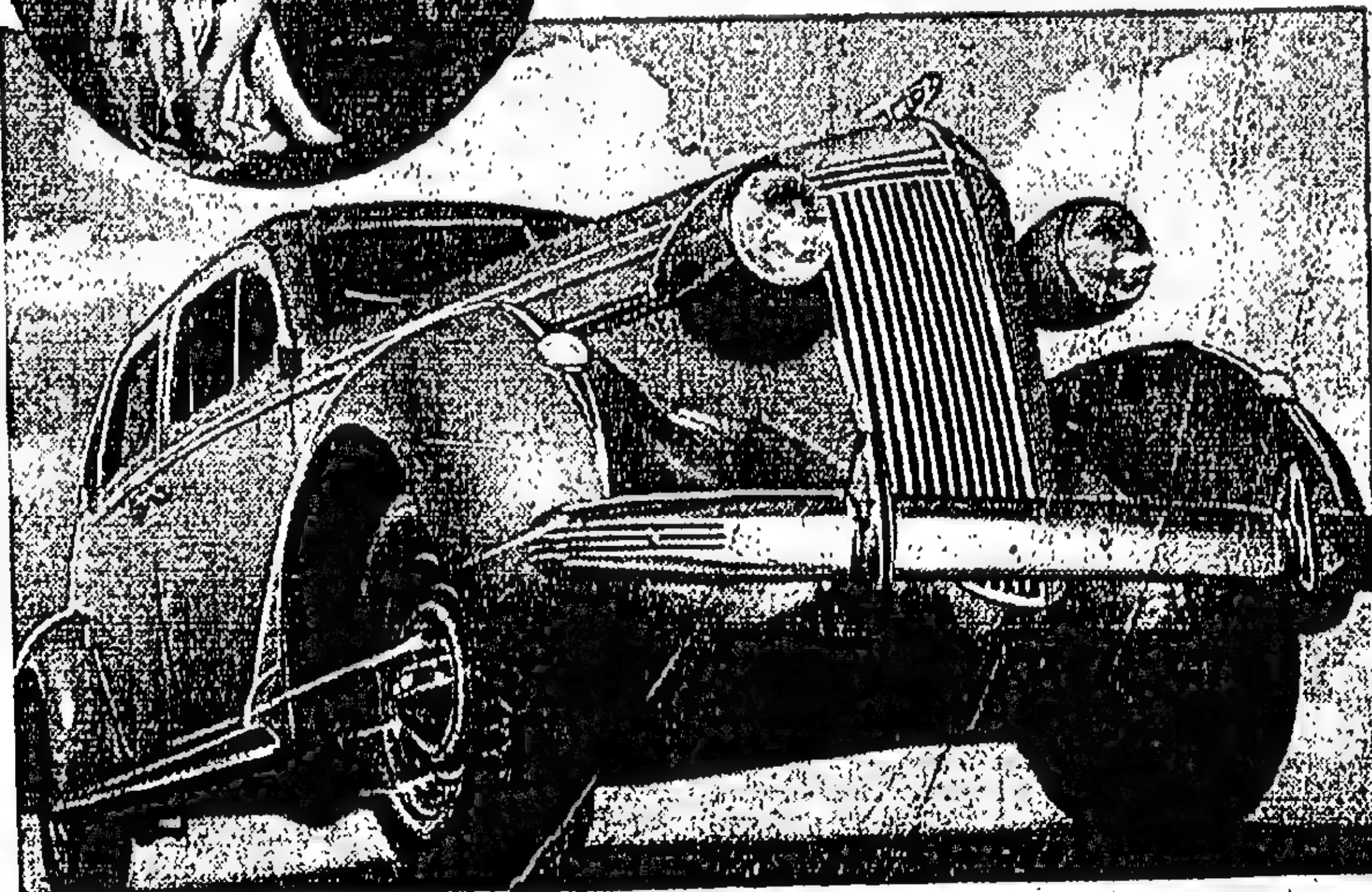


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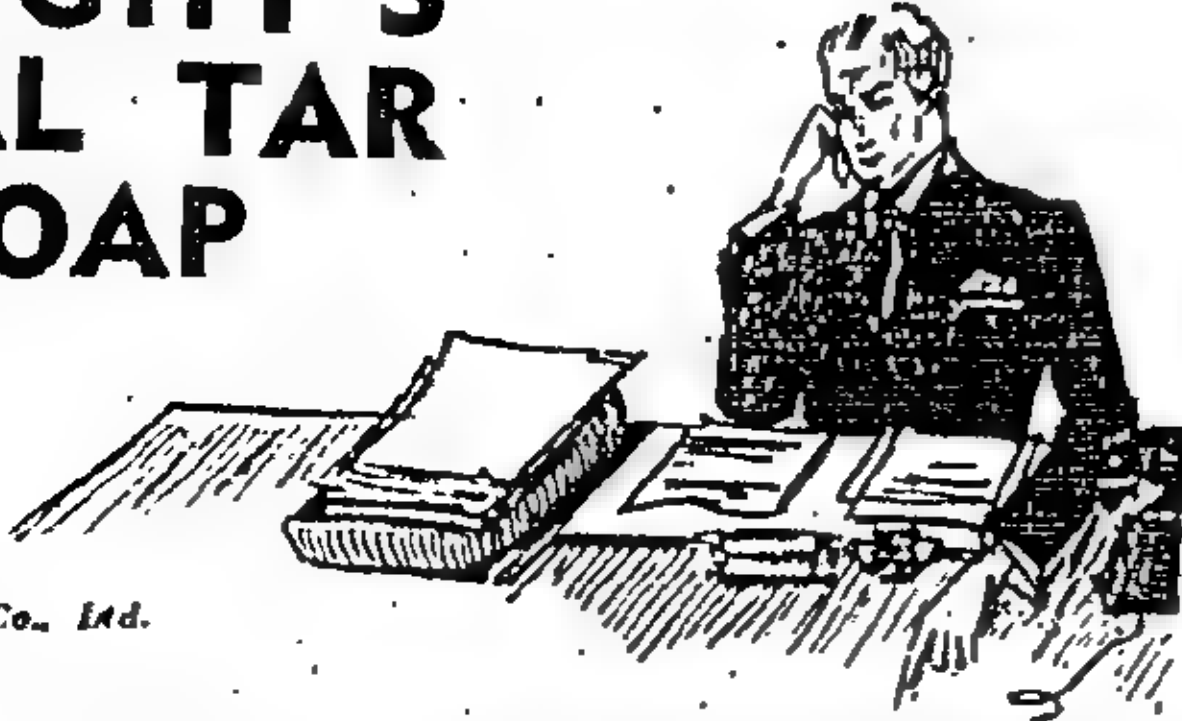
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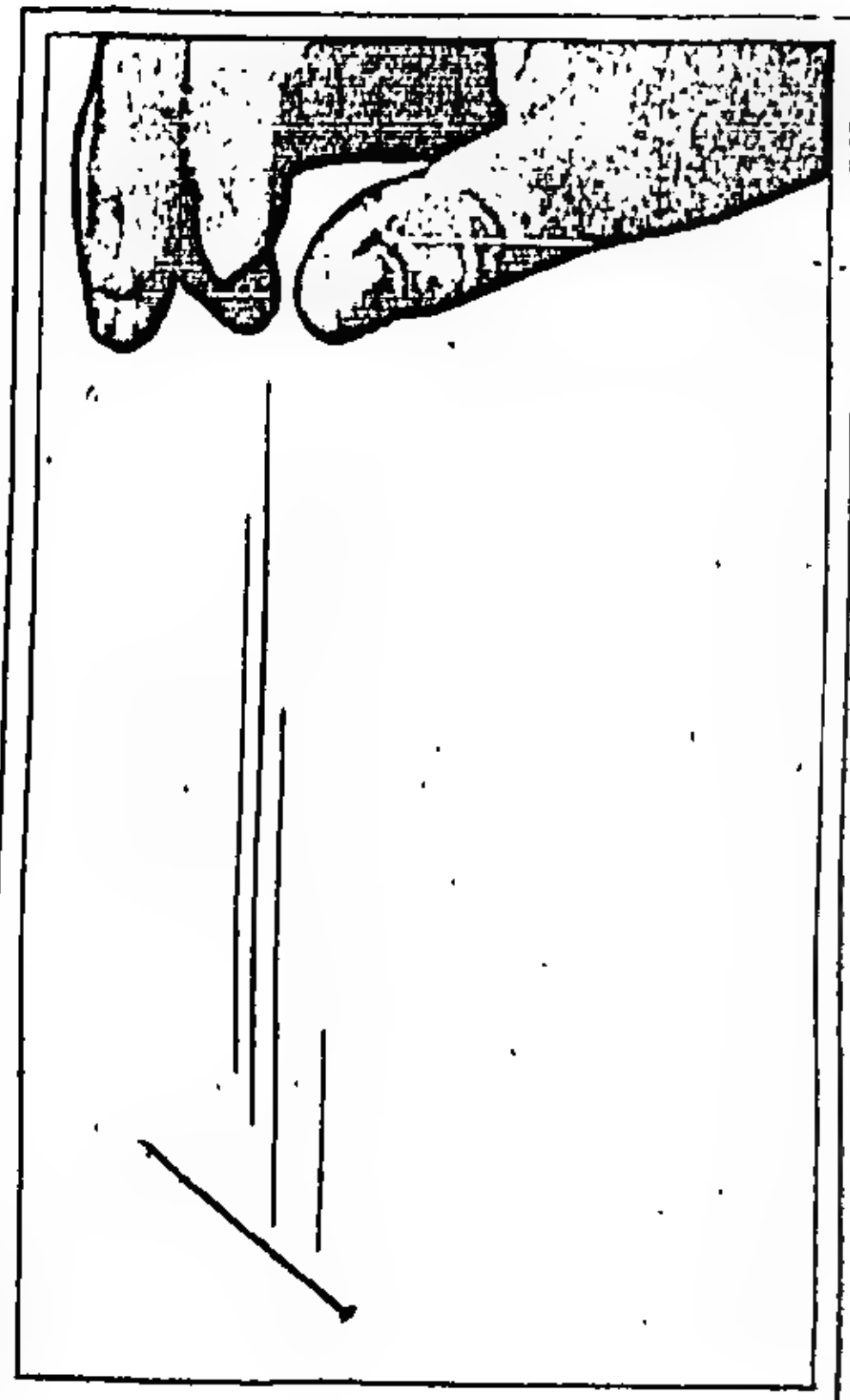
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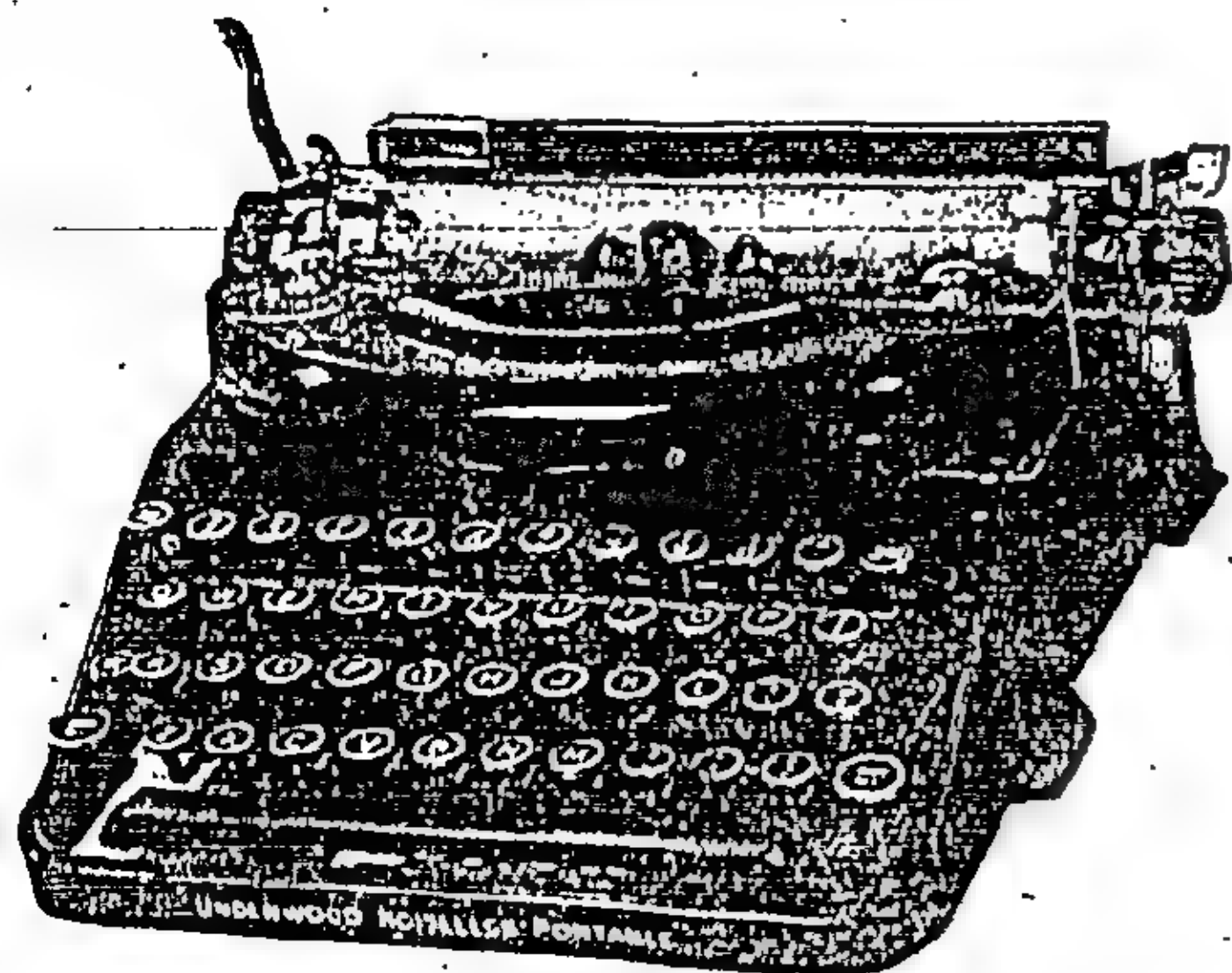


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### WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Sam Dodsworth, leading automobile manufacturer of Zenith, allows himself to be persuaded by his wife to sell his plant to United Motors, and embark on a new life of fun and adventure. His wife wants to recapture her youth in Europe; she yearns for romance and culture. Sam bids farewell to his friends and his business, with Tubby Pearson's warning ringing in his ears: "Americans like you and me can't quit work. We're meant to die in harness!"

### CHAPTER 2

Sam's interest increased with each day of the journey. The engine-room, friends with an attractive Englishman, Major Lockert, an urbane man-

wheels go around, aboard ship and in the world. Or else he was on the forward deck, peering eagerly into space, like a Columbus in reverse, for first sights of the old country. The affair between Fran and Lockert had, therefore, progressed marvelously—up to a certain point. And then the Englishman had actually insulted her. Yes, Fran insisted, he had insulted her. He had kissed her shoulder!

Major Lockert was in turn offended. "You're taking a wickedly unfair advantage of me!" he cried. "I thought I was doing what was expected of me."

Fran was scandalized. "What I expected of you?"

"There's a tradition about this sort of thing," Major Lockert insisted. "Fran put on her wildest manner."

"I thought I was doing what was expected of me!" he cried. "I thought I was doing what was expected of me!"



The flirtation between Fran and Lockert progressed marvelously—up to a point.

of-the-world, Dodsworth found fruitful acquaintances in the engine-room and would spend hours admiring the giant turbines and the polished, intricate mechanism—akin to his plant in Zenith.

"Makes me wish I'd built ships instead of automobiles," he yelled above the din to his friend, the Chief Engineer.

The Chief grinned. "Well, if you had, he shouted back, 'I'd hate to see the ocean on a Sunday afternoon.' Even pleasant prospects were in store for Dodsworth, helping him confirm what he wished so desperately to believe—that he had made a wise decision in giving up his business. All his life he had dreamed of some day seeing England, the home of his forefathers, the land of Shakespeare and Dickens, the country of Oliver Twist and Sherlock Holmes, the countryside beautiful beyond dreams. England! Mother England! And each day brought his dream closer to reality. With incredible speed, the huge ship swept the waters, bringing the British shore nearer and nearer.

The first of Dodsworth's great disappointments came on the last day of the voyage, when he rushed to Fran, filled with jubilation. He had just sighted Bishop's light, behind which lay England!

He found Fran in tears. What she had intended as a mild flirtation with the attractive Major Lockert had ended in disaster. It had all been wonderfully enjoyable up to a certain point. Dodsworth was rarely around to disturb them, being occupied mainly in the engine room, where he conversed sagely and professionally with the Chief Engineer on what made the

Major Lockert smiled. "For a civilised woman who's been married as long as you have, you're making a good deal of a small matter."

He intended this to anger Fran, and it did.

"It isn't a small matter with me!" she shouted furiously.

"I offer you my most abject apologies," said Lockert.

He also offered her some excellent advice—advice that sent her into the air with rage. The manner in which the advice was given was even more offensive to her than the advice itself. He treated her as if she were a silly schoolgirl.

"Give up starting things you aren't prepared to finish," he admonished. "You think you're a woman of the world. You're nothing of the sort. Why, any modern school girl would know how to handle herself better than you do."

There was more of this nature. The more she tried to explain the more bewildered Dodsworth found himself, and the more helpless.

"I suppose it's up to me to go out and shoot him," he said, trying feebly to make a jest of it. "I would feel like a fool. And anyway, it's your own fault for flirting with him. You must have given him some excuse."

This led to more tears, and bitter words that required smoothing out. Finally, when peace had been established, came the bombshell.

"Don't let's go to England," Fran pleaded. "I can't go to England where that man is—laughing at me!" And so the Dodsworths went to France instead.

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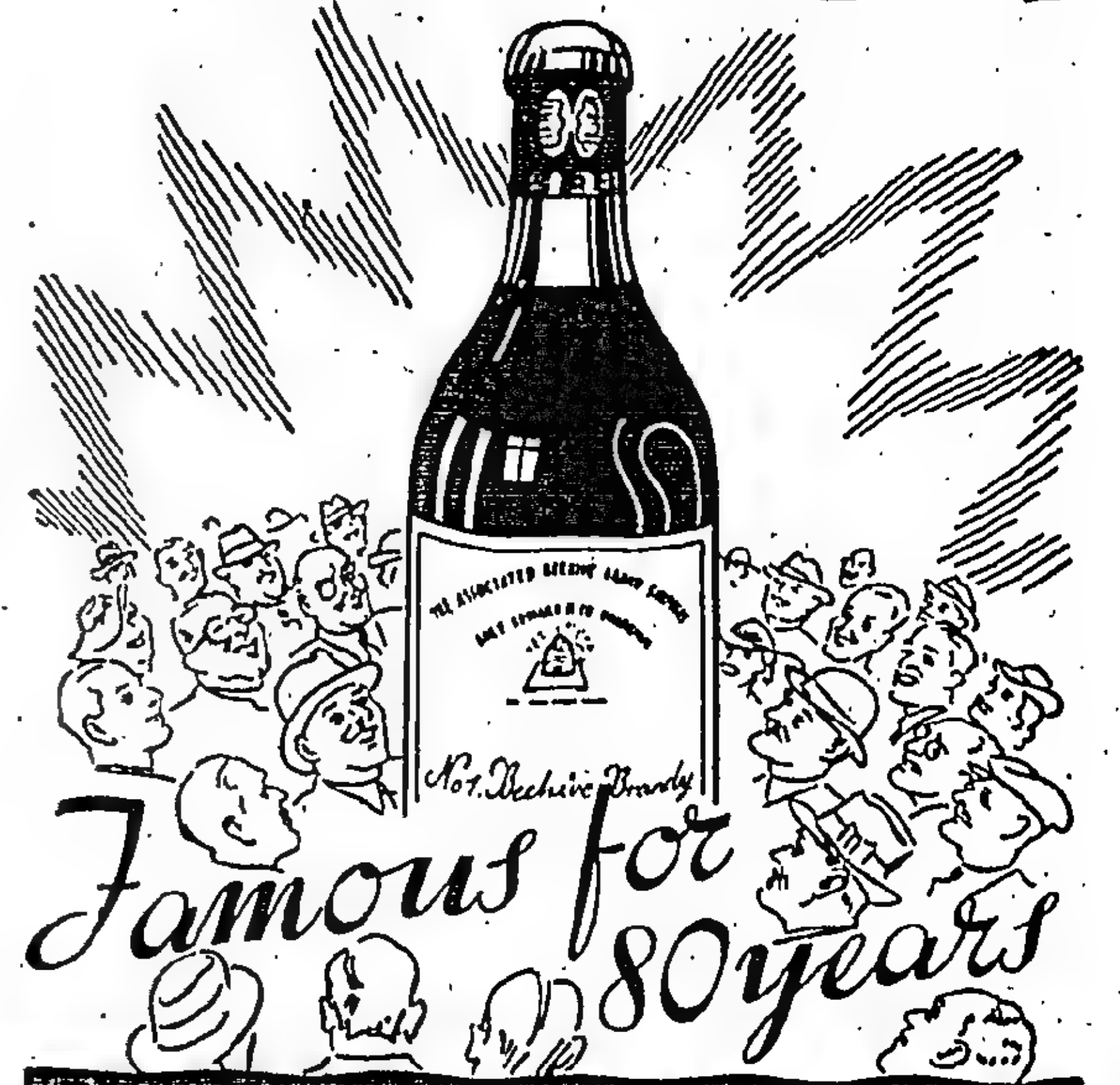
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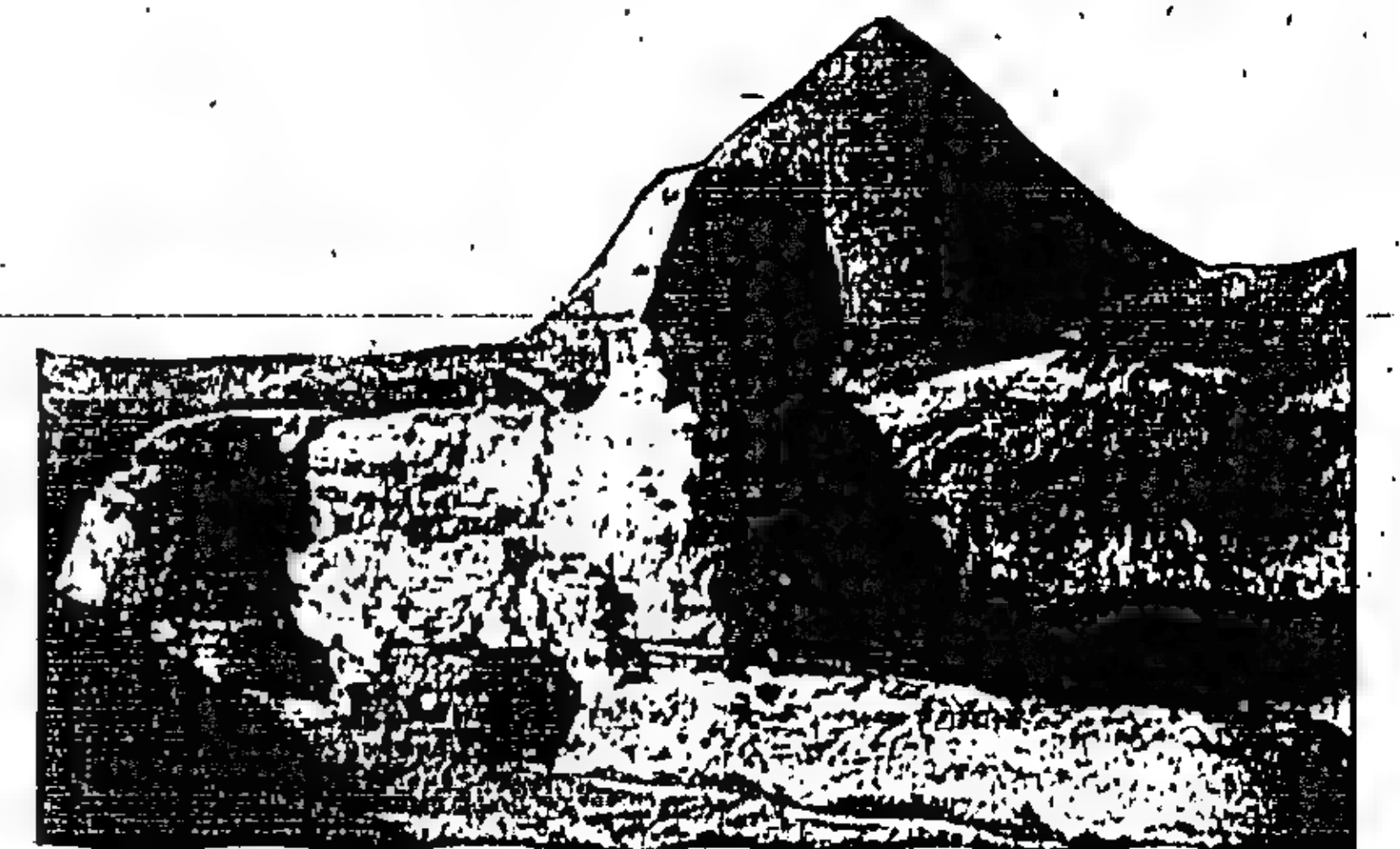
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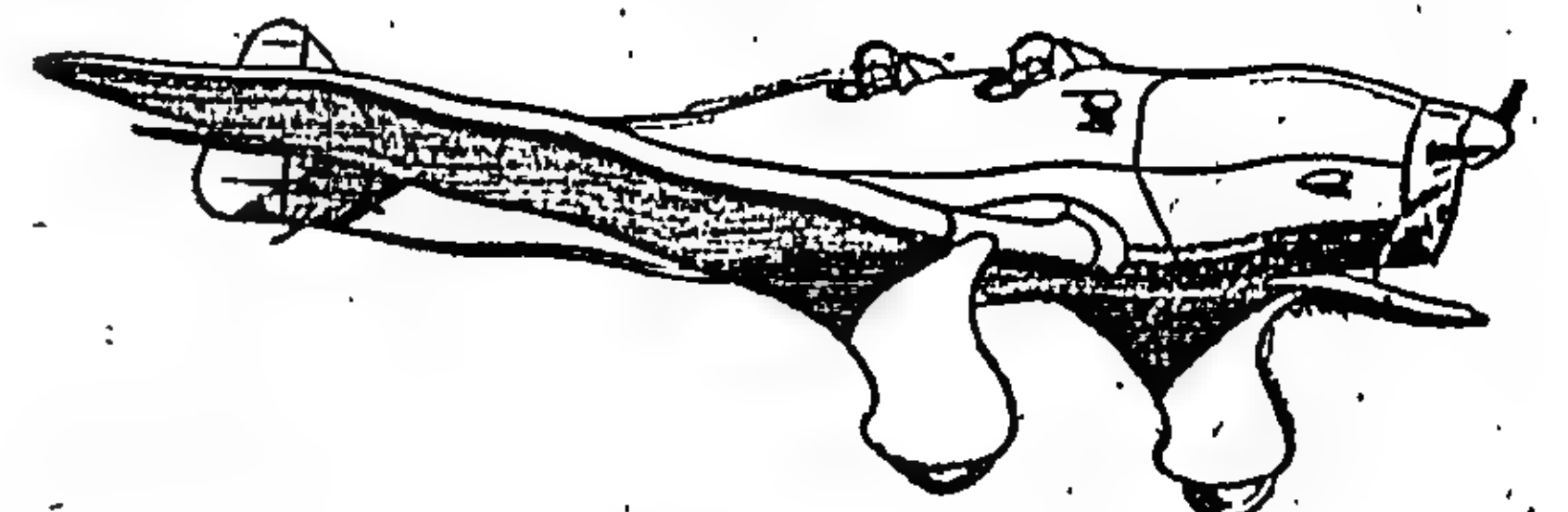


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# RIFLES CHANCE OF MAKING CHAMPIONSHIP SAFE

## NEED TO BEAT SEAFORTHS TO-DAY

### INTERPORT SOCCER SCHEDULE

(By "Veritas")

The evening of Hongkong's 1936-37 football season is approaching, and there is small room to doubt that at least the first division league championship will have been decided by the end of March. Ulster Rifles appear to have passed their chief obstacles, though to-day they face a task which will test them to the full. If they survive, they have only matches with the Fusiliers and South China "B" to worry about.

This afternoon their opponents are the Seaforth Highlanders, and it will be surprising if this match does not produce some of the most exciting and spectacular football of the entire season.

The Highlanders have now become one of the most feared teams in the first division. They have done extraordinarily well in the short time they have been here, portending a brilliant season to come.

Rifles are worthy leaders of the first division, but though boasting an infinitely more impressive league record than the Seaforths, have only the slightest edge over their Scottish opponents. If anything I favour a division of points to-day.

Rifles will be doubly anxious to win because it looks as though South China "A" and "B" must cut each other's throats. They clash this afternoon and whether one or the other wins, or a draw results, Rifles will benefit so long as they can garner two points from the Seaforths.

#### LOOK GOOD FOR TITLE

Looked at from every angle, the Rifles strike one as being in a particularly strong position for the championship.

Navy's troubles of team-raising will be at an end after this week, but so far as their game against Club to-day is concerned, appearances suggest a couple of points for the civilians.

Recreio will at last have an opportunity of seeing how Carlos Remedios the Shanghai Interporter fits in with their ideas. They are at home to Eastern and I expect to see the Portuguese lads win.

Kowloon, the surprise team of the New Year meet, the Police, and one hesitates to make a definite prophecy concerning the result. If anything I feel one must regard Kowloon's chances of winning as being the

stronger, but a draw is the most likely outcome.

Navy, South China "A" and South China "B" all play a second match over the week-end on Sunday. Navy oppose Chinese Athletic and may pull off a win on the Causeway Bay enclosure. South China "A" should beat Kowloon Chinese, who seem to

### "GUBBY" ALLEN'S BLACK DAY



G. O. B. Allen, the English Test captain, who was right out of luck yesterday when the fifth Test started, losing the toss, and then dropping Fingleton and McCabe after they had scored but a few runs. McCabe went on to contribute 112.

have fallen by the wayside, while South China "B" look good for points against St. Joseph's, despite the latter's exceptionally smart showing against the Rifles last week.

### Scottish Hockey Players Needed

Lieut. R. D. MacLagon, the Seaforth Highlanders, Murray Barracks, will be glad if hockey players, who are qualified for Scotland in the local International Tournament, would kindly submit their names to him as early as possible.

## K.C.C. CELEBRATE WINNING OF THE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

### FINE TEAM SPIRIT

The very fine team spirit which had prevailed throughout the season was stressed in speeches by Mr. Ezra Abraham, Mr. Arthur Dand, Mr. Frank Goodwin and Mr. W. Mulcahy last evening when the K.C.C. celebrated the winning of the second division cricket championship and the presentation of the trophy and mementoes.

Mr. Abraham, vice-President of the Club presided over a cheery gathering, and in handing the shield to Mr. Dand, the second eleven captain, offered the sincere congratulations of the club to him and his team upon their success. He was safe, he said, in observing that a very fine team spirit had been shown by all of the players during the season, and this, together with Mr. Dand's good captaincy, had brought the championship to the club.

#### NO. 11 HASN'T BATTED!

Mr. Dand, in acknowledgment also paid tribute to the players as a whole, saying that the secret of their success lay in the fact that they were a TEAM. It was noteworthy that as yet this season they had not had to call on their No. 11 man to bat, yet everybody had played his part in the team's victories. He commended particularly the capable work of Mr. Mulcahy as deputy captain when he (the speaker) was incapacitated and could not play in some of the games. He knew he was voicing the feelings of the whole of the second eleven when he said that they only thing they regretted was that the first eleven was not also celebrating the winning of the senior championship, and the thing they hoped for next year was a dual celebration. They noted with satisfaction that two or three of the junior members of the club had displayed most promising form and that augured well for the future of the K.C.C. in local cricket.

Mr. Frank Goodwin, captain of the first eleven, in congratulating the second team on their achievement, pointed out that if any indication were needed of the fact that the side had played together with a real team spirit it was to be found in the fact that to date this season the team had played twelve matches, won seven, drawn five and lost none. These were most creditable figures.

#### ALL DID SOMETHING

Mr. W. Mulcahy spoke briefly and said that though it was true that they had not called upon their No. 11 to bat during the season, it was equally true to say that at one time or another every member of the team had played an important part in the matches.

Mr. Ezra Abraham then distributed memento silver shields to the members of the team, which he had himself kindly donated.

## CLUB CRICKETERS WILL CONTINUE WITH THE NEW L. B. W. RULE

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

If there is anything wrong with cricket, it does not apply to Saturday afternoon club cricket—which, surely, is the backbone of the game.

At the annual meeting of the Club Cricket Conference in London Mr. E. A. C. Thomson, indefatigable secretary, will report a membership of 1,200 clubs.

In the early days of the conference a mere handful of clubs paid subscriptions—and it has to be remembered that the present membership of 1,200 is mainly confined to the south.

When one reflects on the vast number of amateur clubs in the Midlands and north, and others in the south who are outside the conference, it is plain that a great army plays the grand old game.

The gates at these week-end games are confined to fathers, sweethearts, wives, and friends of the players. The game, and only that, counts, and they are all very conservative about it.

When the M.C.C. brought in higher and wider stumps, club cricketers went on the defensive and there was

a great controversy. They opposed the bigger stumps as a useless innovation, but were finally won over.

They objected also to the subsequent alteration to the l.b.w. rule, saying there was no point in it as far as their matches were concerned. Last summer, however, they agreed to experiment at the request of the M.C.C., and at the close of the campaign the conference asked their clubs to vote on the new rule.

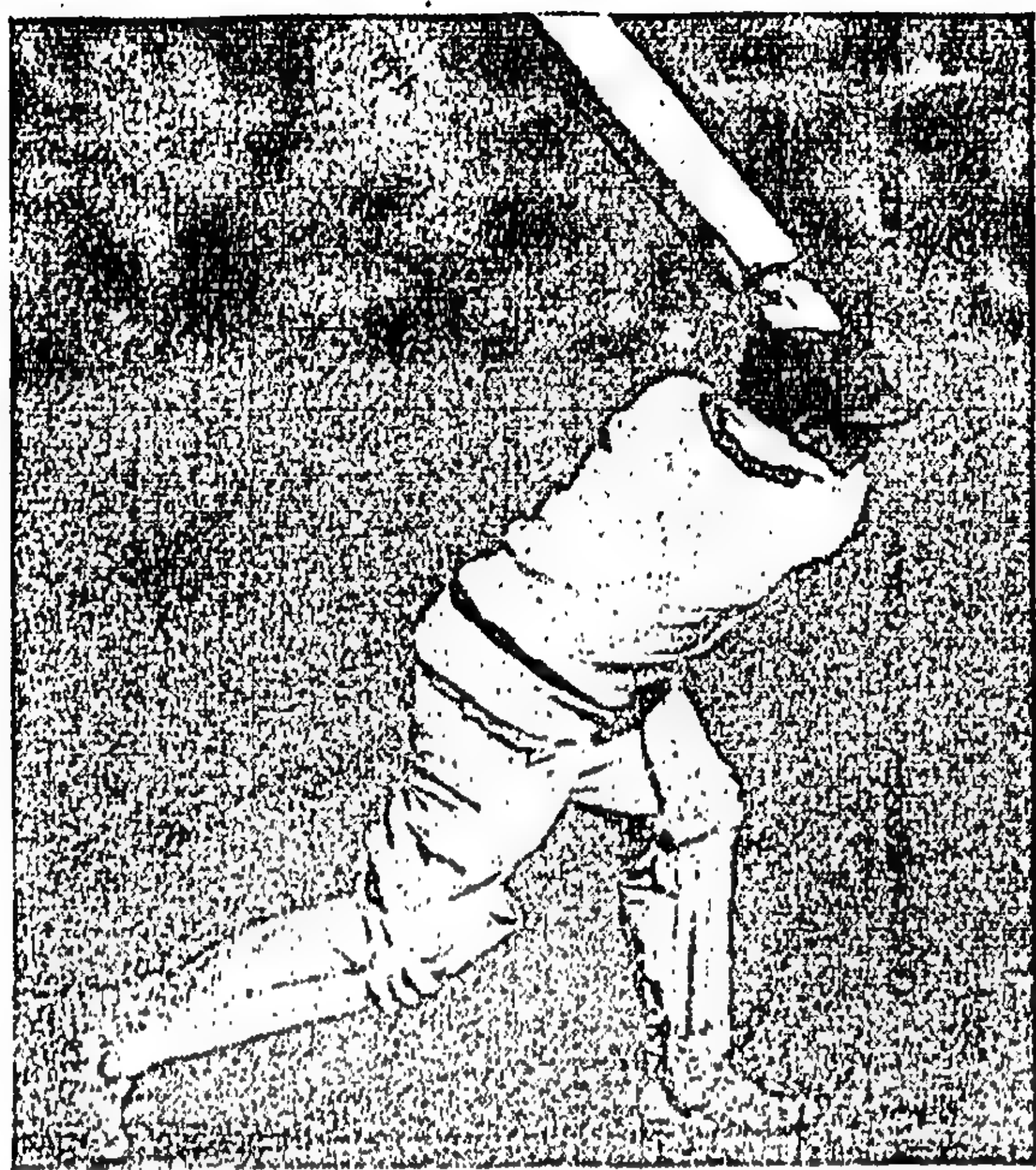
What they think is best shown by the fact that of the 1,200 clubs only 344 bothered to give their opinion. Of these, 240 were in favour.

Really, the altered law has made scarcely any difference to club cricket. So the average club cricketer said at first, "We don't want it."

Now, after a season's experiment, he finds himself so little affected that he does not mind much whether the new rule operates or not.

A broad view has been taken, and as the alteration is clearly of benefit to county cricket, the amateur clubman seems prepared for it to become a permanent cricket law. At any rate, it has been decided to continue with the experiment next summer.

### HE BREAKS ANY BOWLER'S HEART!



Characteristic study of Don Bradman, that amazing batsman, who yesterday scored 165 for Australia in the fifth Test, and remained unbeaten.

### Schoolboys Football League

## SPLENDID MATCH INAUGURATES TOURNEY

### FINE WIN FOR C.B.S.

A magnificent display by both teams provided a fitting opening to the Schoolboys' Football League yesterday afternoon when Central British School and the Royal Welch Fusiliers Boys met in this competition on the former's ground.

Played in a splendid sporting spirit, the match, won by the Central British School by the odd goal in three, was a delightful example of clever, clean soccer. At times the standard of play reached a very high level, and never did the game lose its interest and even excitement for the spectators.

Central British won worthily, though full credit must be given to the Fusiliers lads for their brave endeavour to force a draw. They had one big chance in the first half when they were awarded a penalty, but Jeffrey, who gave a very smooth and efficient display of goalkeeping for the schoolboys, saved in handsome style.

The winners were notably served by Jeffrey in goal, and the Pryde brothers. W. K. Pryde at centre-half dominated the middle of the field and incidentally scored a spectacular goal, while W. G. Pryde at centre-forward was the most dangerous raider on view and obtained the winners' second point.

If this same type of football is going to feature the rest of the games, the Schoolboys' League is assured of a very successful future, and will become one of the most important football competitions in the Colony.

### Guy's Hospital Cup Rugby Win

London, Feb. 26. Playing in the London Hospitals Cup rugby competition to-day, Guy's Hospital defeated Charing Cross Hospital by 16 points to eight.—*Reuter.*

### BAN ON HEAVY NIBLICK

### GOLF SHOT MADE TOO EASY

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

"Daily Telegraph" Golf Correspondent

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club proposes to ban the use of the heavy type of niblick known variously as the "sand-wedge," "blaster," and "howitzer."

An announcement to this effect will, I understand, shortly be made from St. Andrews.

This particular type of club, first invented in America, has become extremely popular amongst every class, of golfer, because it produces extraordinary results without the exercise of much skill, or effort.

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It is used for recovery shots from bunkers and bad lies in the rough. The flange slides along the surface of the sand, and the ball jumps up automatically.

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Many thousands of these clubs have been sold at prices ranging from a guinea to 30s. each. All will come under the official ban.

## I Am Not Packing Up, Says Petersen

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

"I took a hiding from Walter Neusel, who was too tough for me, but I am not packing up," Jack Petersen told me before he left London for his home in Cardiff.

"I fought my very hardest, but Neusel's strength was greater than mine, and I know now that I cannot beat him. But there are others for me to fight."

Petersen did not name "the others," but stated that he would be returning to the ring soon.

Neusel is having a short holiday in Paris, but before he went Len Harvey offered to meet him for a £1,000 side-stake.

Neusel's record is that the match was "won" if Harvey made it £2,000. Two years ago Harvey fought a 12-rounds draw with Neusel at Wembley.

## 1st Div. Cricket Championship Nearing Climax

### IMPORTANT MATCH NEXT WEEK

(By "Veritas")

THE second division cricket championship is already settled (so much so that, as you will find elsewhere in these columns, the K.C.C. celebrated the event last night), but teams do not get to grips again for the senior division title until next Saturday, so that there is little news of vital interest in the local cricket world at the moment.

Probably the most important league encounter of the season will be staged on March 6, when Club and I.R.C. meet on the former's ground.

The position is that a win outright for the Indians gives them the championship. A win for the Club will give them a lead of one point with both teams to play a match. If I.R.C. should draw their last game with K.C.C., Club can also afford to draw with Craigengower, but if I.R.C. should beat K.C.C., Club must also beat Craigengower.

It is an interestingly speculative position, and it looks as though a mighty exciting finish to the league season is in store.

Club will be given some good practice to-day when they visit K.C.C. for a friendly match. In the League, the Club won somewhat unexpectedly; may a little sensationally, for after Holden had been knocked out over the place in his first two overs, he carried on and skittled out the rest of the mainland side.

Holden will be given a severer test to-day on the K.C.C. wicket which rarely offers much advantage to bowlers, and if he can meet with anything like the same success, there will be no question as to the possibilities of this young player as a future Interporter.

The Indians are without a game, and the only other first division fixture is that between Civil Service and Craigengower—also a friendly. Civil Service may well win this as they have shown consistently improved form this season.

In the junior section, three friendly engagements are on tap. Club will have a chance of taking revenge for the league debacle when they receive K.C.C., who may not be at full strength.

#### GOOD FOR THE SCHOOLS

Central British School are hosts to Civil Service, and the Government Servants need not expect a walk-over. C.B.S. can turn out one of the smartest school teams seen for a long time in the Colony. The Indians entertain Queen's College, another very fine school XI.

Incidentally it is very pleasant and encouraging to see the school teams given the opportunity of playing against the various clubs in the

Colony. It provides excellent experience for the boys, particularly their bowlers, who have a chance of coming against capable batsmen.

The Volunteers played three very successful matches during Race week and did well to win two. I was sorry to discover that I had completely missed reference to Holden's hat-trick against the Club, but the cause was that owing to stress of other work I could not remain on the ground to watch the Volunteers' innings and I had no idea that Holden had bowled with such success.

It can be fairly described as Holden's match, for the young man came to the rescue of the Club in their knock and put together a very good 62, following this up with his hat-trick.

I saw Souza bowl in two of the games and thought he sent down some uncommonly good stuff, though he was inclined to be overworked. But he is a player of distinct promise, and that century of his against the K.C.C. was an admirable piece of work.

#### BADMINTON

## Free Lances Lose Again To Varsity

### FIXTURES NEARLY COMPLETED

Free Lances, playing their last but one mixed doubles match of the season last evening, lost a second time to the University, the final score being 6-3.

It was a closely contested match, all of the games being keenly played, but once again the Free Lances found the court difficult and played below form accordingly.

J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths did well to win two sets, while Mrs. Shute and her son Warwick secured the other.

The loss of this match may well cost Free Lances the runners-up position in the mixed doubles league. The present standings are as follows.

#### LEAGUE TABLE

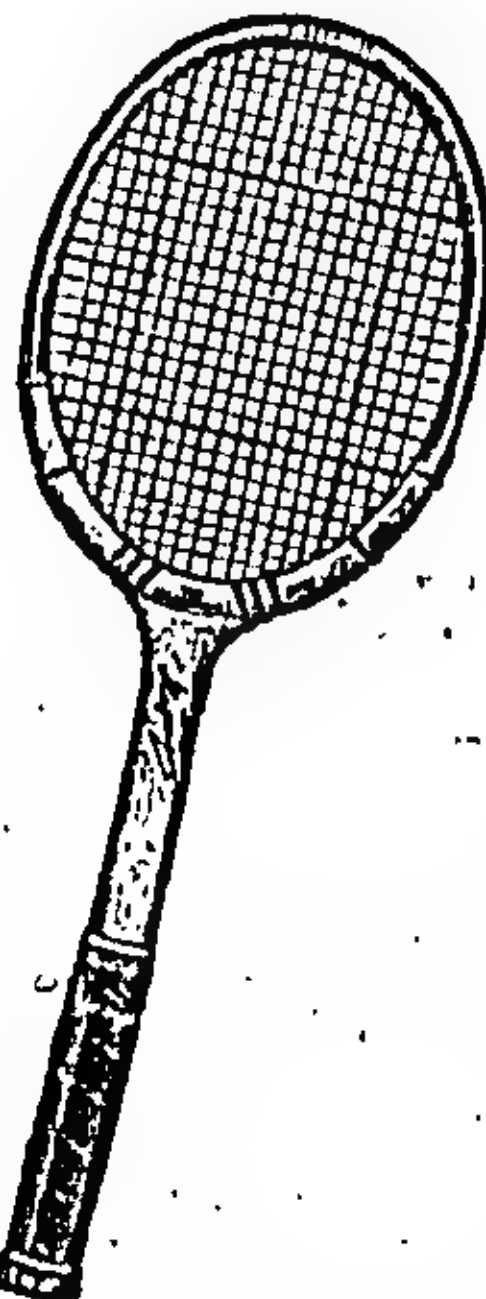
	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	5	8	0	05	7	16
Free Lances	11	6	0	68	35	12
Recreio "B"	9	5	4	31	50	10
C.R.C.	5	3	2	28	17	6
University	6	3	3	32	22	6
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## HAPPY VALLEY WILL LOOK LIKE THIS TO-DAY



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## Hauptmann's Defender Is Insane

New York, Feb. 26. A petition that Mr. Edward Reilly, noted criminal lawyer, be declared insane was granted in the New York Supreme Court to-day.

Mr. Reilly defended the late Bruno Hauptmann, who was electrocuted for the murder of the Lindbergh baby.

A medical expert, giving evidence, said that worry over the Hauptmann case, coupled with domestic trouble, was responsible for the breakdown of the mind of the lawyer.—Reuter.

## RAIN PROBABLE

The anticyclone appears to have dispersed, and another of moderate intensity is forming over North China. Pressure is relatively low over the Sea of Japan, the Loochoos and Indo-China. Local forecast: N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy, probably rain later.

## COOLIE STEALS HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE BOUND OVER

Brought on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning a coolie of the Government Civil Hospital was bound over in \$100 for a year on a charge of having stolen two suits of Government khaki uniform, valued at \$10.

Sergeant Sullivan said that owing to there having been many larcenies at the Government Civil Hospital the coolies employed there were searched on February 23. Defendant could not account for his missing uniforms but after further enquiries it was revealed that he had sold them for \$1.70. One of the suits had been dyed black.

Defendant said that owing to financial difficulties he had sold the suits that were issued to him. It was a private sale and he had intended to redeem the suits when he could. Among other expenses he had to buy opium for his own consumption.

Considering the fact that defendant would lose his job, Mr. Keen bound him over and ordered him to pay \$5, from his forthcoming wages, to cover the damage to the dyed suit.

## Italy Builds Strong Base In Mediterranean

Rome, Feb. 26. A decree forbidding planes from flying within eight miles of the island of Pantelleria has been issued. It is taken as confirming reports that this barren island commanding the passage between Sicily and Africa is to be converted into a heavily fortified base.

Fortifications were installed on the island during the period in which sanctions were in force against Italy. The island commands narrow straits in the Eastern Mediterranean and is for this purpose even better placed than Malta.—Reuter Special.

## WATERBOAT DIVIDEND

At the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., the Consulting Committee will recommend that a dividend of 45 cents per share be paid for the year ended December 31, 1936.

## Chang's Old Army Not To Be Removed KANSU TOO POOR TO SUPPORT IT

Shanghai, Feb. 27. Delay in the transfer of Chang Tsueh-liang's former army from Shensi to Kansu may be prolonged indefinitely, according to the vernacular press reports, which give the poverty of Kansu as the reason for the change of plan.

Evidently this was a subject of recent discussions at Fenghua between Chang and General Chiang Ting-wen and General Wang Shu-shang.

General Shao Li-tzu, Governor of Shensi until the transfer of Chang, has accepted the post of chairman of the Central Publicity Department of the Kuomintang, in succession to Mr. Liu Lu-ying, who is at present lodged at the Chengtu police headquarters.

Proceedings against Liu are scheduled to commence in the First District Court on Monday.—Reuter.

## LABOUR REFORM PLANNED

Washington, Feb. 26. Well-informed quarters state that President Roosevelt has definitely linked labour legislation with his judicial reform programme, but that he is withholding any measure to Congress on these new developments for at least a month. First, he wishes to observe the progress of the court fight.

It is reliably stated that he will ask for a new omnibus statute on wages and hours, discarding the suggestion of such methods as corporation licensing. It is believed his message will deal exclusively with working conditions, not mentioning business regulation.—United Press.

## "BAER STILL A BUM"

New York, Feb. 26. At the request of Madison Square Garden, Max Baer has been granted a licence to fight Pastor on March 10. But Baer may refuse to accept it.

Mr. William Brown, of the New York Athletic Commission, who yesterday opposed Baer's application, calling him "a bum," said to-day: "I am quite willing to co-operate with the Garden or anyone else promoting fights. However, I have not changed my opinion of Baer. He is still a bum."

Baer's manager announced that his fighter was sailing for London on schedule. He plans to fight in London, probably meeting Ben Ford.—United Press.

## All-British Hockey Team For Australia

An all-British Women's hockey team will, it is understood, visit Australia this year, to compete in the Brisbane hockey carnival, an important event in the southern hemisphere. The occasion will be unique, says Austral News. An English team visited Australia in 1927, but an all-British team has never previously toured overseas.

## BIG CROWDS AT VALLEY

(Continued from Page 1.)

started at least twice and have not won. One Mile.

Messrs. Koo and Lo's Tempest (152 lbs.) ... (Mr. T. L. Wong) 1  
Messrs. T. and E.'s Whaley (155 lbs.) ... (Mr. H. J. Heame) 2  
Mr. Brish's Prospero (152 lbs.) ... (Mr. V. V. Needa) 3  
Thirteen starters.  
Won by a head; two lengths.  
Time:—2 min. 07.1/5 secs.  
Parti-mutuel:—Winner \$7.20.  
Places \$6.30; \$21.00; \$3.80.

3.—The Griffin Spring Handicap.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting that have started at least twice, and have not won. One Mile.

Mr. Dynasty's King's Coronation (147 lbs.) ... (Mr. F. Marshall) 1  
Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rob Roy (153 lbs.) ... (Mr. E. C. Leighton) 2  
Messrs. Li and Li's Centre Forward (158 lbs.) ... (Mr. D. S. Li) 3  
Ten starters.  
Won by a neck; a length.  
Time:—2 min. 00.1/5 sec.  
Parti-mutuel:—Winner \$23.40.  
Places \$12.20; \$11.70; \$10.20.

4.—The Flemington Plate.—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting that have started and have not won, and Australian Ponies of any season that have not won \$1,000 or more in stakes at Race Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1936. Five Furlongs.

Messrs. Yeung and Pih's Double Finest (157 lbs.) ... (Mr. L. G. Frost) 1  
Mr. Lee Chi-choh's Honey (155 lbs.) ... (Mr. V. C. Sung) 2  
Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Blindfold (151 lbs.) ... (Mr. E. C. Leighton) 3  
Twelve starters.  
Won by three lengths; three lengths.  
Time:—1 min. 03.3/5 secs.  
Parti-mutuel:—Winner \$6.60.  
Places \$6.00; \$8.20; \$10.20.

5.—The Professional Cup and Subscription Griffins' Champions.—A Sweepstakes of \$25 each for Starters. A Cup Presented. \$500 to the Winner by the donors and \$1,000 added. Second \$500. Third \$300. To be won two years in succession or three years in all by Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. One and a Quarter Miles.

Mr. Gordos's Gordito (158 lbs.) ... (V. C. Sung) 1  
Mr. Helenade's Helephant (149 lbs.) ... (Mr. V. V. Needa) 2  
Dr. S. N. Chan's Coronation Day (157 lbs.) ... (Mr. L. G. Frost) 3  
Mr. L.C.L.'s Pagan Love (155 lbs.) ... (Mr. F. Marshall) 3  
Six starters.  
Won by two lengths; length and half.  
Time:—2 min. 30.4/5 secs.  
Parti-mutuel:—Winner \$6.20.  
Places \$5.10; \$5.10; Coronation Day and Pagan Love, \$3.10 each.

6.—The Phaethon Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Mr. Lan's Night View (168 lbs.) ... (Mr. T. L. Wong) 1  
Mr. L. Reidy's Prince of Tsingtao (146 lbs.) ... (Mr. Y. P. Fung) 2  
Messrs. Li and Li's Miracle (157 lbs.) ... (Mr. D. S. Li) 3  
Sixteen starters.  
Won by two lengths; length and half.  
Time:—2 min. 16.3/5 secs.  
Parti-mutuel:—Winner \$9.60. Places \$6.90; \$9.30; \$10.00.

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

New York Cotton			
March	12.82/83	12.94/04	
May	12.60/60	12.67/68	
July	12.42/42	12.45/46	
October	11.89/89	11.94/94	
December	11.84/84	11.89/89	
January	11.87/87	11.88/88	
Spot	13.20	13.27	

New York Rubber			
March	21.82b/85a	21.80b/85a	
May	21.98/98	21.95/97	
July	22.14/14	22.07/08	
Sept.	22.29/21	22.07/08	
Dec.	22.26a	22.12h	

Chicago Wheat			
May	130 1/2/130 3/4	131 1/2/131 3/4	
July	113 1/2/113 3/4	113 1/2/113 3/4	
Sept.	110 1/2/110 3/4	110 1/2/110 3/4	

Chicago Corn			
May	105 1/2/105 3/4	107/107 1/2	
July	101 1/2/101 3/4	102 1/2/102 3/4	
Sept.	94 1/2/94 3/4	95 1/2/95 3/4	

Winning Wheat			
May	123 1/2/123 3/4	124 1/2/124 3/4	
July	119 1/2/119 3/4	120 1/2/120 3/4	
Oct.	108 1/2/108 3/4	109 1/2/109 3/4	

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# SPARE MOMENT PAGE

## Longfellow, the Poet who never found fault or complained of his lot

TO-DAY IN HISTORY:  
By Claud Golding

NO foreign poet ever got closer to the heart of an Englishman than Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Who is not familiar with "The Village Blacksmith," "Excelsior," "The Wreck of the Hesperus," and "A Psalm of Life," to mention a few of his smaller poems?

Consider, too, what an institution "Hawthorne" to Coleridge-Taylor's music, has become in this country. When the bust of Longfellow was placed in the Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey in 1884 it was a testimony of England's love and respect for this great American poet. Charles Kingsley once said that Longfellow had the most beautiful human face he had ever seen. He was extremely handsome with his broad forehead, his clear eyes, straight nose and perfect lips. In later years his long hair was silvery white, matching his long beard.

It would be difficult for a biographer to find anything in the life of Longfellow. The high moral tone of his poems reflected his own ideals and illustrates his character. Longfellow was always accessible; never too busy to talk to a caller, or write a letter of sympathy to a sufferer. Sometimes children would hang round his garden at Craigie House, once occupied by George Washington, hoping to get a glimpse of the poet. He would never turn them away, and always assumed that they had come to see Washington's study. Taking them by the hand he would show them where the great General had worked. He was never known to refuse to write his autograph. So long as he could write he would sign his name for anyone who asked him to do so. Many a young writer was assisted by Longfellow, and even when the half-demented Edgar Allan Poe was making scurrilous attacks on him, Longfellow was giving enthusiastic lectures on Poe's poetry.

Longfellow was born at Portland, Maine, on February 27, 1807. An ancestor, William Longfellow, had immigrated to Newbury, Massachusetts, from Yorkshire in 1610.

The poet was the son of Stephen Longfellow, a lawyer and United States congressman. He was born in what was little more than a village; hence his poems are coloured with village scenery.

Twenty-five miles away from his home was Brunswick, in a region famous for romantic stories of Indians, nestling among "primeval pines." It was at a college in this town that Longfellow graduated.

Before he had reached the age of 18 he had written poems, and during college life he wrote several pieces for the United States Library Gazette, a magazine published at Boston. These were printed in a late edition of his works. Among them was "The Burial of the Minutemen," the "Hymn of the Moravian Nuns of Bethlehem at the Consecration of Pulaski's Banner," "Woods in Winter," and "April Day."

Some of these show qualities never surpassed by Longfellow. After his college life, Longfellow spent a period in the law office of his father, but he was soon appointed to a professorship of modern languages at his college, and travelled for some years to perfect himself for his duties.

He visited Spain and Germany, and in 1835 he was chosen successor to Professor Ticknor, professor of modern languages and literature at the university of Cambridge, near Boston. On receiving this appointment he again visited Europe, devoting special attention to Scandinavia and Switzerland. During this visit he lost his wife, whom he had married in 1831.

Longfellow soon settled down in Boston, attracted by its cultivated society.

In 1839 he published "Hyperion: a Romance," and his first volume of poetry entitled "Voices of the Night," "Hyperion," which gave a record of his travels, was extremely popular.

Five years later he published a small volume of ballads which included "The Skeleton in Armour," "The Wreck of the Hesperus," "The Village Blacksmith" and "Excelsior."

In the same year he paid his third

## FEBRUARY 27

### BORN:

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American Poet, 1807.

### DIED:

John Evelyn, diarist, 1706.

visit to Europe, spending the summer on the Rhine.

Returning to America, he wrote on the ship his "Poems on Slavery," which opened the eyes of the New England youth and led indirectly to the Civil War.

In 1843 he married for the second time, his wife being Miss Francis Elizabeth Appleton, of Boston, the daughter of the Hon. Nathan Appleton. About the same time he bought Craigie House, built about the beginning of the 18th century, and occupied by George Washington in 1770. This was his chief residence to the date of his death.

In 1843 appeared "The Spanish Student," a play in three acts, and two years later "The Poets and Poetry of Europe."

His greatest work, "Evangeline," was published in 1847. It is the story of a young couple who were separated on the day of their wedding through the removal by the British Government of a colony of French settlers from Acadia (Nova Scotia) in 1755.

The bride is depicted wandering in search of her husband. Finally, she discovers him—an old man, on his deathbed in a hospital which she had joined as a nurse.

This poem attained a wide popularity in England.

One of the poems in the collection, "Seaside and the Fireside," contains "Hymn for my Brother's Ordination." His brother, the Rev. Samuel Longfellow, was a pastor of the Unitarian Church.

Longfellow resigned his professorship in 1854, and next year he published his "Song of Hiawatha," "Hymn for my Brother's Ordination," and, in 1856, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," dealing with an incident in the early history of the American colony.

In 1861 Longfellow was bereaved by the death of his wife through her dress catching fire, and it was a long time before he recovered from the blow.

It was two years before he published "Tales of a Wayside Inn," "The Children's Hour," one of his Household Poems (1865), illustrates the happiness of his life with his five children, two sons and three daughters.

In his "Book of Sonnets" are five sonnets entitled "Three Friends," "Mine," the friends being Cornelius Felton, Louis Agassiz, and Charles Sumner, whom he calls:

"The noble three,  
Who half my life were more than  
friends to me."

The death of Agassiz was a great blow, and when Sumner also died he wrote:

"Thou hast but taken thy lamp  
and gone to bed;  
I stay a little longer, as one stays  
To cover up the embers that still  
burn."

In the last years of his life Longfellow suffered from rheumatism, but was always cheerful though never free from pain.

He still continued to see all visitors, and never refused to help a down-and-out.

He wrote some of his best poems at this period.

At the beginning of 1882 he was confined to his room with frequent periods of dizziness. His recoveries were merely temporary, and on March 19 he was seized with peritonitis and died on the 24th.

The poet was never known to find fault with anyone. Even in his old age, when his body was wracked with suffering and life was "cold and dreary," he never complained.

More than any of his poems, "A Psalm of Life" seems to illustrate his outlook on life:

"Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest;  
Was not spoken of the soul."



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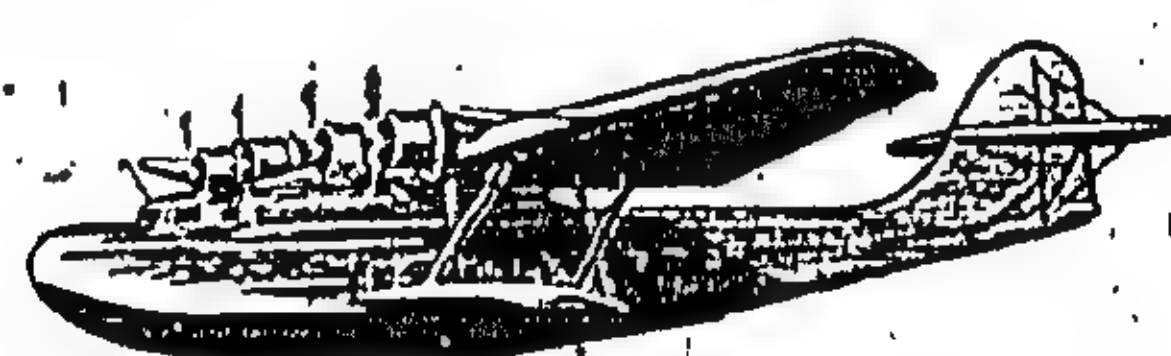
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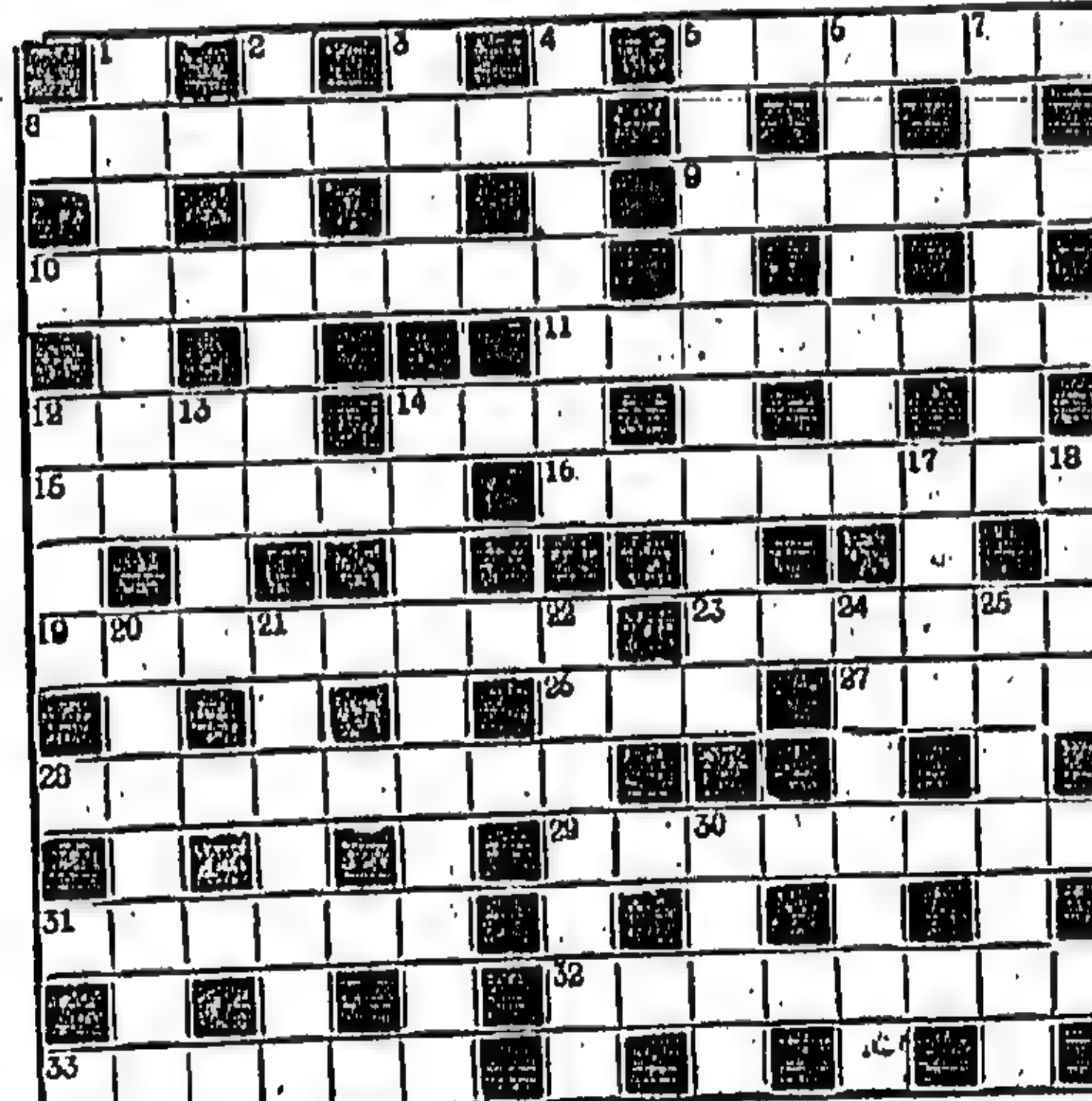
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- The diner who is this minimises the waiting.
- Part of the Chinese Republic.
- This try is quite unimportant.
- The promise has a final margin.
- This is highly rated with swarm inside.
- Menace.
- Once his end catches him, he will not easily get his beginning.
- 22 down experiences a change of head here.
- For this some motorists seem nowadays to have a big bee in the bonnet.
- Not to let, and is all included.
- Delight for past events only.
- Choice.
- Depend about small matter in distant fashion.
- Expiration of violent tendency.

### DOWN

- A stronghold.
- This is commenced.
- Island of Malay Archipelago.
- High Church feature.
- May's crowning glory.
- A small child may amuse one with this, or itself with this beheaded.
- Antonym of lower.

- This may serve its turn in the kitchen.
- No place for a leader.
- An obstacle in cash is much worse than a cold in the head!
- From this island came a lady beautiful but cold.
- To-day's bright feature.
- This feminine trifle has been beaten by a short head.
- Questionable advice?
- There is no place for showing what to-day is.
- Try a hot mixture for what concerns the gullet.
- May be one or two letters, or a newspaper item.
- The whole with this is good, but this is not the whole.

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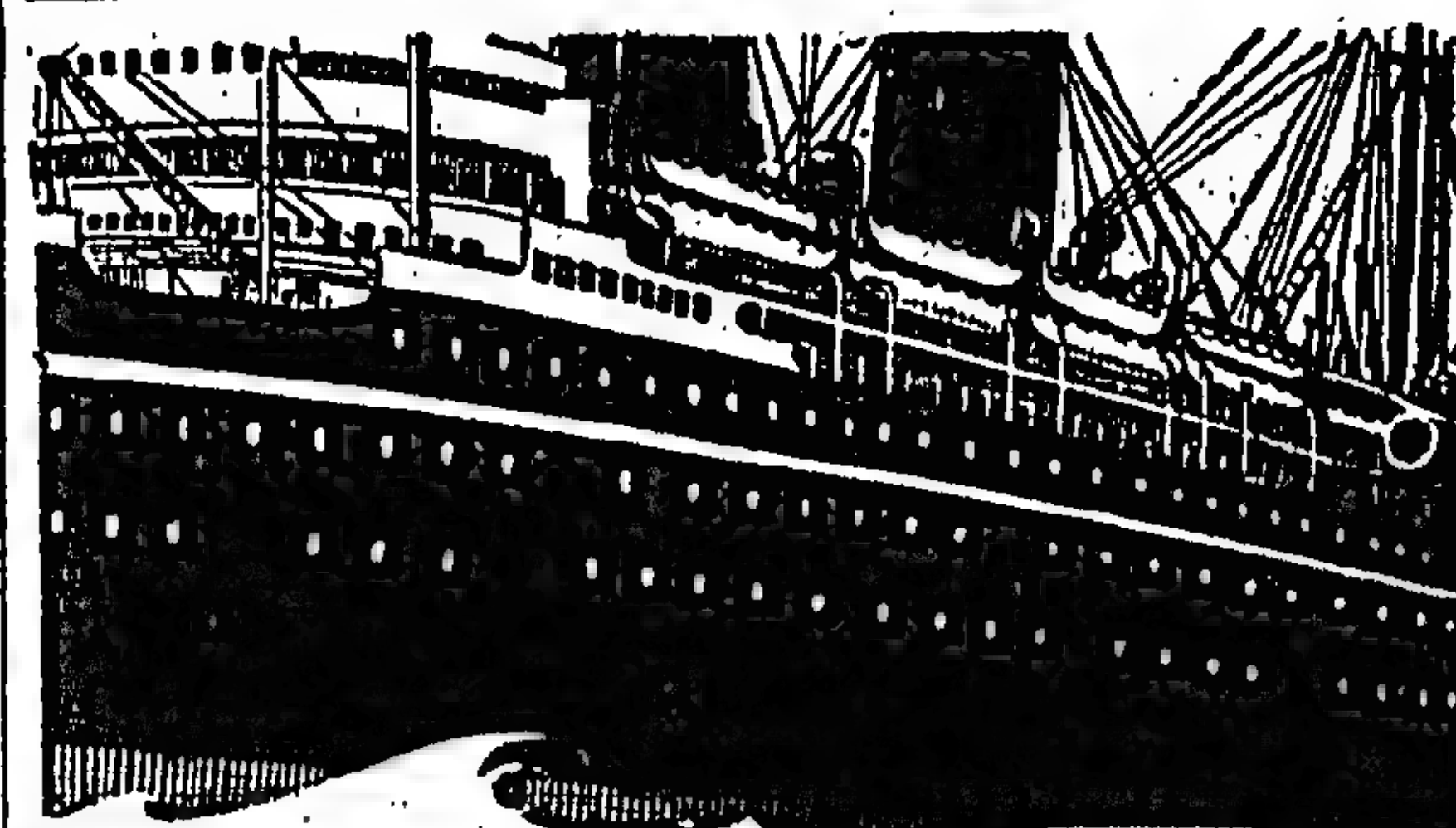
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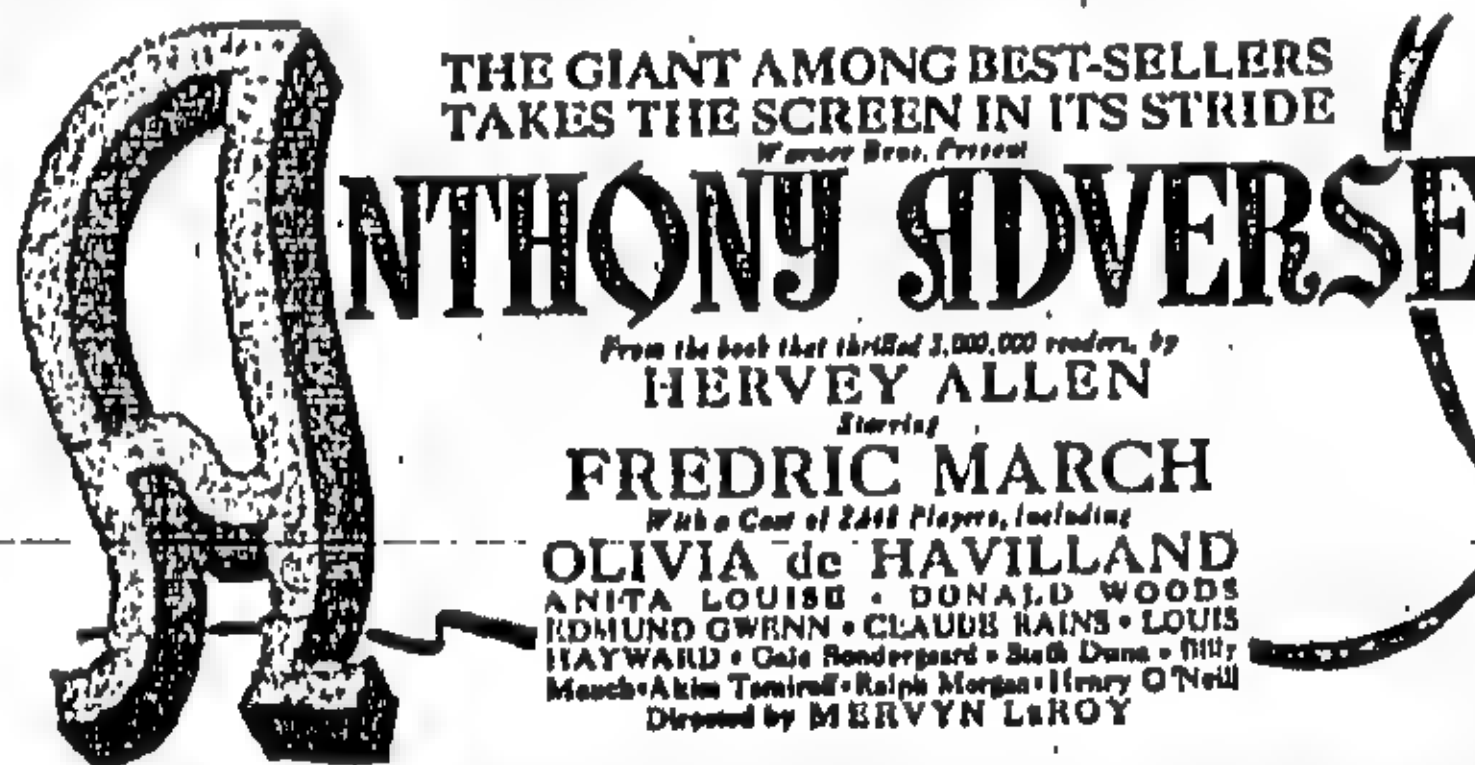
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It was a similar movement that started the great General Motors Corporation tie-up.  
Incidentally, the Ford workers are among the best paid in the United States and their working conditions are considered ideal.—*Reuter*.

### ADJUDICATING TROUBLE

Washington, Feb. 26.  
The National Labour Relations Board has called a hearing to adjudicate in the Douglas and Northrup aircraft factory disputes.—*United Press*.

### PLANTS CLOSED DOWN

Janesville (Wis.), Feb. 26.  
The management has closed the Chevrolet and Fisher plants, which were re-opened last week. This decision follows the action of the Union of Automobile Workers protesting against the discharge of three men. Workers numbering 2,700 are thus idle.

Additional police have been called to the scene as the result of sporadic street fighting between Union and non-union men.—*United Press*.

## REBELS EXECUTE PRISONERS

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Gibraltar, Feb. 26.  
Well-informed quarters here report that Nationalists have executed 300 of the 400 condemned prisoners of Malaga, all of whom are natives of Lallinea.

It is stated the Nationalists transported these prisoners from Malaga to Lallinea and executed them in groups of 25 at night.

Relatives, it is stated, are unaware of the fate of these people. And if they are, they are prohibited from wearing mourning, it is reported.—*United Press*.

### WOMAN SPY SHOT

Lisbon, Feb. 26.  
It is revealed that Senorita Rosita Diaz, blonde Spanish film star and sympathiser with the cause of the Government, has been shot by the insurgents for allegedly spying upon their movements and giving information to the Valencia authorities. She is alleged to have made use of a secret radio station in Seville, resulting in two successful air raids on that city.—*Reuter Special*.

## COLONIAL EMPIRE UNION

London, Feb. 26.  
A Colonial Empire Union is being established in London to arouse interest in colonial affairs.

Colonials on leave will be specially catered for by the Union, the President of which will be Baron Lugard, former Governor of Hongkong, with Mr. W. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, as one of its Vice-Presidents.

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### Vote of Confidence

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## CABALLERO THREATENS TO RESIGN

ACTION WOULD BE  
SIGNIFICANT

Valencia, Feb. 26.

Senor Largo Caballero, Prime Minister of Spain, has published a long document virtually threatening to resign if he continues to meet opposition in the matter of his home policy.

The resignation of Senor Caballero, who enjoys the confidence of trade unions and the President, would be of far wider significance than an ordinary ministerial crisis.—*Reuter*.

## PHILIPPINES MAY TURN TO GREAT BRITAIN

Washington, Feb. 26.

President F. D. Roosevelt to-day discussed the future of the Philippine Islands with President Manuel Quezon, who is visiting the capital with General Douglas MacArthur. The latter is building up the Philippines' defence forces against a day, nine years from now, when the Commonwealth attains complete independence.

Senor Quezon is trying to ensure that the United States will not throw the young republic unsupported into the world, particularly with respect to trade, since the islands' exports to the United States are approximately \$200,000,000 annually.

It is the prevalent feeling in Congress that the Philippines cannot have both independence and trade preference, but must take its chance with other nations when its day of maturity arrives, making trade pacts to protect itself.

The foreign affairs expert, Mr. William Simms, of the Scripps Howard newspapers, writes that if the United States scorns the Philippines trade, Senor Quezon may strike a bargain with Great Britain whereby a new British fleet, based at Singapore, might utilise Manila in time of emergency, whilst Britain absorbs the Philippines' export surplus.—*Reuter*.

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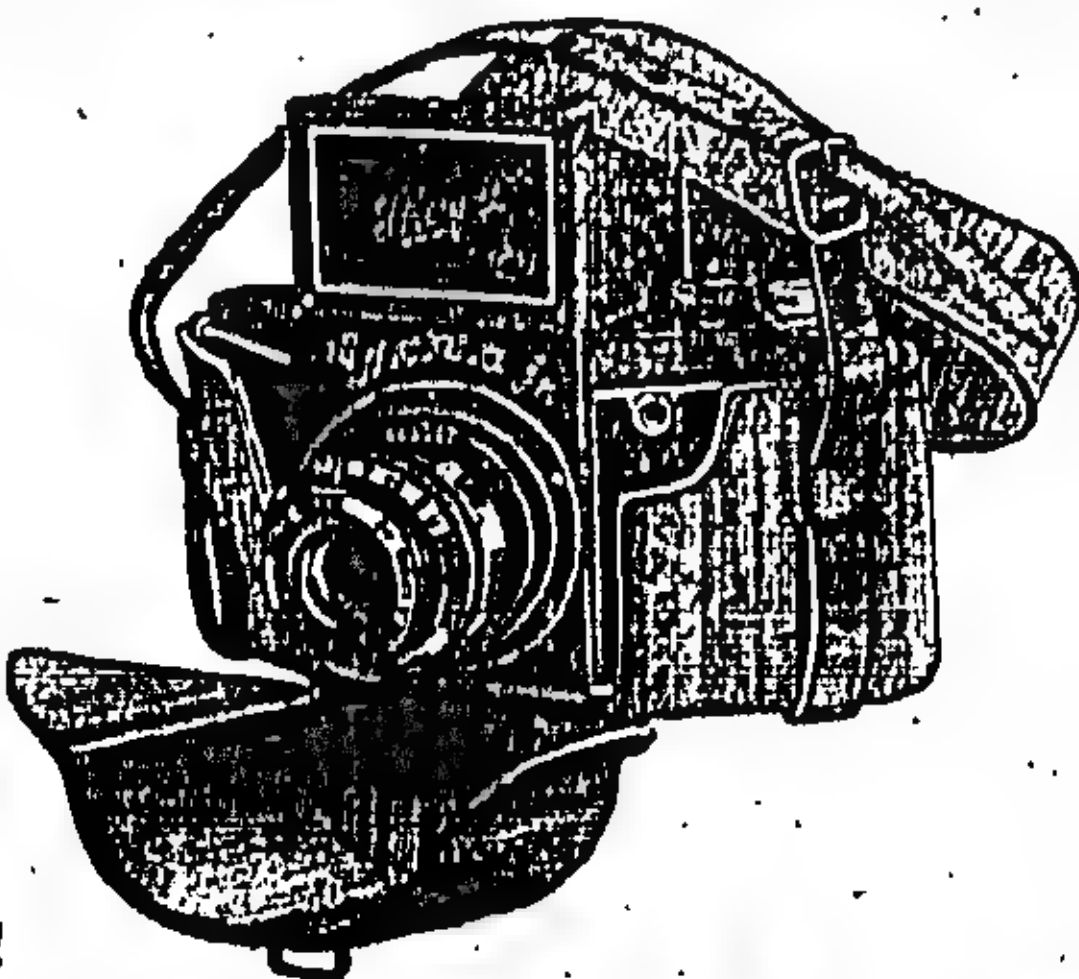
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## STOP PRESS

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Only 17 runs have been added to the overnight score.—*Reuter.*

Bradman was bowled by Farnes having scored 169, with an addition of only four runs to his overnight score.—*Reuter.*

Later—Lunch score: 399 for 4.—*Reuter.*

### Italy Builds Strong Base In Mediterranean

Rome, Feb. 26.

A decree forbidding planes from flying within eight miles of the island of Pantelleria has been issued. It is taken as confirmation reports that this barren island commanding the passage between Sicily and Africa is to be converted into a heavily fortified base.

Fortifications were installed on the island during the period in which sanctions were in force against Italy. The island commands narrow straits in the Eastern Mediterranean and is for this purpose even better placed than Malta.—*Reuter Special.*

## TRADE TREATY SIGNED

### BRITISH ACCORD WITH CUBA

London, Feb. 26.

A commercial agreement with Cuba was signed at Havana on February 19 and comes into force provisionally as from that date. It provides that United Kingdom goods shall be treated in Cuba not less favourably than those of any country—apart from the special treatment accorded to United States goods—and that Cuban goods shall enjoy most-favoured-nation treatment in the United Kingdom. The Cuban duties on certain United Kingdom linen and woollen piece goods are reduced, and the Cuban Government undertakes to consider sympathetically requests for further tariff readjustments. The agreement also provides that British insurance enterprises shall not be subjected to legislation imposing more onerous conditions than those already applying to the conduct of their Cuban business.

The Cuban Government recognises the necessity of alleviating the position of United Railways of Havana, a British undertaking, and promises sympathetic consideration of requests put forward to that end.

The agreement runs until December, 1937. There is also an exchange of Notes precluding action which would prejudice the present position of British shipping in Cuba.—*British Wireless.*

#### CONGRESS PARTY WINS

Bombay, Feb. 26.

The Congress Party has secured a majority in the Bombay Assembly narrowly, by winning 88 seats out of 176, with further returns still to come.—*Reuter.*

## INDIAN CONGRESS SUCCESSES



The Congress Party is securing majorities in most of the States in the elections under India's new Constitution. Picture shows Mahatma Gandhi at the recent Congress gathering in Falapur, together with Nehru, the President of the Party.

## TO-DAY'S RACING TIPS

### Strathroy To Win Big Event

(By "Captain Foster")

#### THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES (FIRST SECTION)

Election Day  
Weedon Seat  
National Faith

#### THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES (SECOND SECTION)

Happy Venture  
Clewmer  
Prospero

#### THE GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP

Vira  
Rob Roy  
King's Coronation

#### THE FLEMINGTON PLATE

Double Finesse  
Dick Turpin  
Borena's Belle

#### THE PROFESSIONAL CUP AND SUB-GRIFFINS' CHAMPIONS

Gordito  
Tempest  
Fagan Love

#### THE PHAETHON HANDICAP

Night View  
Sylvandale  
Pride of Tsingtao

#### THE HAPPY VALLEY SPRING HANDICAP ("A" DIVISION)

Rose-Queen  
Oak Bay  
Bright View

#### THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS

Strathroy  
Gypsy Love  
Electron

#### THE HAPPY VALLEY SPRING HANDICAP ("B" DIVISION)

Harvest View  
Ythan  
Soldier of Peace

#### DAILY DOUBLE EVENT

Double Finesse/Night View

## Hauptmann's Defender Is Insane

New York, Feb. 26.

A petition that Mr. Edward Reilly, noted criminal lawyer, be declared insane was granted in the New York Supreme Court to-day. Mr. Reilly defended the late Bruno Hauptmann, who was electrocuted for the murder of the Lindbergh baby. A medical expert, giving evidence, said that worry over the Hauptmann case, coupled with domestic trouble, was responsible for the breakdown of the mind of the lawyer.—*Reuter.*

## PHILIPPINES MAY TURN TO GREAT BRITAIN

Washington, Feb. 26.

President F. D. Roosevelt to-day discussed the future of the Philippine Islands with President Manuel Quezon, who is visiting the capital with General Douglas MacArthur. The latter is building up the Philippines' defence forces against a day, nine years from now, when the Commonwealth attains complete independence.

Senor Quezon is trying to ensure that the United States will not throw the young republic unsupported into the world, particularly with respect to trade, since the islands' exports to the United States are approximately \$20,000,000 annually. It is the prevalent feeling in Congress that the Philippines cannot have both independence and trade preference, but must take its chance with other nations when its day of maturity arrives, making trade pacts to protect itself.

The foreign affairs expert, Mr. William Simms, of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, writes that if the United States scorns the Philippines trade, Senor Quezon may strike a bargain with Great Britain whereby a new British fleet, based at Singapore, might utilise Manila in time of emergency, whilst Britain absorbs the Philippines' export surplus.—*Reuter.*

## FRENCH FLIER UNHURT

### FORCED DOWN BY FUEL SHORTAGE

It was learned in Hongkong to-day that the French airman, Libert and Denis, who were attempting a Paris to Tokyo flight within 100 hours, for a prize of 400,000 francs, were forced down yesterday through lack of fuel. Neither of them was injured.

They took off from Akyab at 7 p.m. Thursday night and intended to fly direct to Hongkong, a distance of approximately 2,000 miles. They were trying desperately to make up lost time and appreciated the risk of a forced landing owing to lack of petrol.

Kal Tak aerodrome has no information as to the fliers' present plans. But it is possible that they will attempt to fly here to-day.

#### AIR MINISTRY STATEMENT

Paris, Feb. 27.  
The Air Ministry announced to-day that Libert and Denis, the French airman, were obliged to land yesterday by lack of fuel. Neither is injured, as far as can be ascertained at present.—*Reuter.*

## COLONIAL EMPIRE UNION

London, Feb. 26.

A Colonial Empire Union is being established in London to arouse interest in colonial affairs.

Colonials on leave will be specially catered for by the Union, the President of which will be Baron Lugard, former Governor of Hongkong, with Mr. W. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, as one of its Vice-Presidents.

The scheme is sponsored by the Overseas League.—*Reuter Bulletin Service.*

## PREPARE TO FIGHT FORD CO.

### C. I. O. TO ATTEMPT UNION DRIVE MAY CAUSE TIE-UP

New York, Feb. 26.

Mr. Homer Martin, labour organizer, stated to-day that the Automobile Workers' Union would commence immediately a campaign among the workers of the Ford Motor Company plant at Edgewater, New Jersey, to organise under the Committee of Industrial Organisation.

It was a similar movement that started the great General Motors Corporation tie-up.

Incidentally, the Ford workers are among the best paid in the United States, and their working conditions are considered ideal.—*Reuter.*

#### ADJUDICATING TROUBLE

Washington, Feb. 26.  
The National Labour Relations Board has called a hearing to adjudicate in the Douglas and Northrup aircraft factory disputes.—*United Press.*

#### PLANTS CLOSED DOWN

Janiceville (Wis.), Feb. 26.  
The management has closed the Chevrolet and Fisher plants, which were re-opened last week. This decision follows the action of the Union of Automobile Workers protesting against the discharge of three men. Workers numbering 2,700 are thus idle.

Additional police have been called to the scene as the result of sporadic street fighting between Union and non-union men.—*United Press.*

#### LINDBERGH IN STORM

Calcutta, Feb. 26.  
Colonel Charles Lindbergh, accompanied by Sir Francis Young, husband, the famous explorer, landed here from Bombay to-day, having outrun a severe storm. They expect to return to Bombay Saturday where Mrs. Lindbergh is waiting.—*United Press.*

## FOUR POWERS WILL GUARD SPAIN COAST

### Russia and Portugal Dodge Responsibility

London, Feb. 26.

It is understood that putting into force by the United Kingdom of the Naval Supervision plan, under discussion by organs of the International Committee for application of an agreement regarding non-intervention in the Spanish Civil War, would require legislation. It will be necessary to impose a legal obligation on vessels proceeding under the British flag to Spain to conform with the procedure contemplated in such matters, to call at ports specified in the plan for the purpose of picking up the International Committee's supervisors and to subject to interrogation by the naval patrols of powers acting on behalf of the Committee.

According to the decision reached by the International Committee of February 19, supervision is to become into operation next Saturday, and therefore during the next week, as soon as the scheme is finally approved by the Committee, the British Government will introduce necessary legislation and provide Parliamentary time for its passage into law.

## Speaker Will Ride In Ancient Coach

London, Feb. 26.

When the Speaker of the House of Commons attends the Coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey, at the special invitation of His Majesty the King, he will drive in the oldest coach in London.

It is kept in the coach-house in the basement of the House of Lords and every month its dust covers are removed so that experts may polish it. It weighs three tons and was used in the Coronation of 1911 and Jubilee celebrations of 1935.—*Reuter Bulletin Service.*

## REBELS EXECUTE PRISONERS

### 300 REPORTED SHOT AT LALINEA

### FILM STAR A SPY?

Gibraltar, Feb. 26.

Well-informed quarters here report that Nationalists have executed 300 of the 400 condemned prisoners of Malaga, all of whom are natives of Lalinea.

It is stated the Nationalists transported these prisoners from Malaga to Lalinea and executed them in groups of 25 at night.

Relatives, it is stated, are unaware of the fate of these people. And if they are, they are prohibited from wearing mourning, it is reported.—*United Press.*

#### WOMAN SPY SHOT

Lisbon, Feb. 26.

It is revealed that Senorita Rosita Diaz, blonde Spanish film star and sympathiser with the cause of the Government, has been shot by the insurgents for allegedly spying upon their movements and giving information to the Valencia authorities. She is alleged to have made use of a secret radio station in Seville, resulting in two successful air raids on that city.—*Reuter Special.*

The Chairman's Sub-committee of the International Non-Intervention Committee to-day had under consideration technical problems of application of the scheme for the supervision of vessels having the right to fly the flags of participating countries proceeding to Spanish ports, and agreed that representatives of maritime countries should be asked to arrange for official Government experts to attend a meeting in London on March 3 for the purpose of reaching decisions of technical questions concerned.

According to a communique, after considering further the land supervision scheme, the representatives undertook to communicate forthwith to their respective Governments the technical documents concerned, with a request for immediate instructions thereon.

The Committee passed then to consideration of the naval supervision scheme. The Russian Representative stated that in view of the fact that it had been agreed in principle that any government, party to the agreement, had the right, should they so desire, to participate in the Naval Supervision Scheme, the Russian Government did not claim at present to make actual use of this right as it was not interested either politically or otherwise in the presence of its naval forces in Mediterranean sea or in the Atlantic Ocean at a great distance from their own naval bases.

The Portuguese representative recalled his Government had always favoured a naval supervision scheme being entrusted to four powers, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Italy, and stated Portugal would not desire to participate in the scheme so long as it was confined to these four powers. Representatives of the four powers agreed to submit to their Governments a scheme for naval supervision by themselves already prepared by the Technical Advisory Subcommittee with a view to settling (Continued on Page 5.)

## CABALLERO THREATENS TO RESIGN

### ACTION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT

Valencia, Feb. 26.

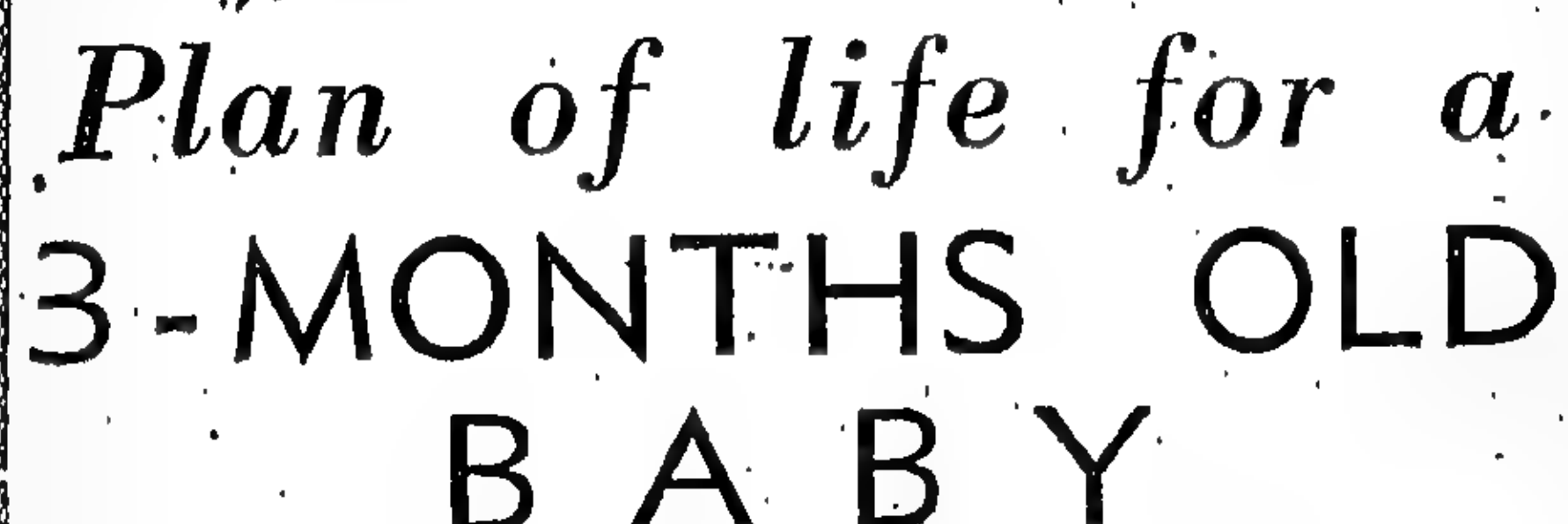
Senor Largo Caballero, Prime Minister of Spain, has published a long document virtually threatening to resign if he continues to meet opposition in the matter of his home policy.

The resignation of Senor Caballero, who enjoys the confidence of trade unions and the President, would be of far wider significance than an ordinary ministerial crisis.—*Reuter.*



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Turn out when it is cold, and decorate it if you like with splintered blanched almonds. Serve a cold creamy chocolate sauce with it if you care to.



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# BRITISH FILMS TO BE SHOWN IN 102 COUNTRIES

## BAN ON UNJUST WILLS URGED

By WILLIAM BARKLEY

London, Feb. 15.

THE "dead hand" will be powerless if a Bill which was unanimously given a second reading in the House of Commons yesterday, becomes law.

The "dead hand" is the one which signs a will disinheriting wife and family very often because of a disordered whim.

On all sides of the House members agreed that it is time to alter the law of England and Wales which at present permits a man to will away his fortune to strangers while leaving his widow and children penniless.

Mr. Windsor, a Socialist M.P., moving the second reading of his Inheritance (Family Provision) Bill, said that the law in Scotland, New Zealand, Australia and most of the provinces of Canada, prevents this injustice.

In Scotland one-third of the estate must go to the widow and another third to the children.

"England and Wales are about the only two countries in the civilized world where the provisions of this Bill are not in operation," he said.

The silver-haired M.P. for Lichfield, Mr. Lovat-Fraser, said: "This Bill is part of the movement for doing justice to the women of the world. I am a feminist. The vast number of those who would benefit by this Bill will be women."

For Men Too

The Bill uses the term "spouse", so as to provide for the unlikely case of a woman cutting off her husband with a shilling.

Sir John Withers (Con., Cambridge University), a lawyer, argued that the Bill would do unseen good. It would deter people from making unjust wills.

Miss Rathbone (Ind., English Universities) calculated that there are 8,000 evilly disposed husbands in England who might cut off their widows and children—and leave them destitute.

"It is a modest estimate," she said, "that one husband in a thousand is a bad husband capable of making an unjust will. It is the meanest thing for a man to leave this life without giving any notice of his intention to leave his wife and children penniless."

"There is no remedy at present, and such a will often leaves a slur because gossip says, 'There must be some reason for it.'"

Solicitor-General Sir Terence O'Connor promised to weigh opinion, but his tone did not suggest that the Government meant to put the proposed Bill into law.

A Bill to promote Empire settlement, introduced as a private measure, was talked out. That is to say that the House could not find forty M.P.s, the necessary quorum, sufficiently interested to stay the day, and the House rose two hours before time.

## No Matter What The Weather

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## PHILIPPINE LEADER IN HOLLYWOOD



Dr. Hilario Camino Moncado of Cebu, Philippine Islands, who recently visited the film capital to study motion picture production methods with a view to establishing a motion picture company in the Philippines, is feted at a dinner in the famous Ambassador Hotel, Coconut Grove. Left to right are Inez Courtney, Dr. Moncado and Mary Astor.

## Mad Engine Driver Broke Records—And Train Disappeared

New York, Feb. 20.

A PUZZLE which mystified the whole of America fifty years ago has now been solved by the discovery of an old locomotive and a skeleton at the bottom of the River Colorado. The engine bore the number thirteen, which even time had not been able to erase.

Old inhabitants remember the driver. He was an engineer named Oscar Hansen, who designed a locomotive which, he said, would break all speed records.

## Szechuan Fleas Given No Quarter

THE poor fleas in Szechuan just don't have a chance. For the wily natives have evolved a simple little device which deals death to all fleas that come into contact with it.

The word "contact" here is to be taken in its literal sense. That is just what proves the doom of the little domestic creatures in Szechuan—contact with molasses with which a trap is diabolically baited by the cunning up-river inhabitants.

Indeed, the trap has been used in West China for years, but seldom does it find its way to Shanghai (where there also are fleas), and to local Chinese it is as much a rarity as it is to foreigners, says the North-China Daily News.

The device is simply a thin bamboo stick enclosed in an oblong bamboo cage to prevent it from touching the clothing of the person carrying the trap. The stick is smeared with molasses or honey. It is put up a sleeve or inside a long gown as Mr. Wang or Mr. Chow or Mr. Chen ventures forth in flea territory. The flea, instead of biting the gentleman, is attracted by the fragrant molasses and make a flea-line for the sticky stuff. And, of course, gets stuck. Before retiring, the day's catch of little brown fellows is wiped off the stick, which is then baited again the next morning for a fresh hunt.

## TWO'S COMPANY!

OFFICERS of France's 72nd Artillery Regiment sat up and rubbed their eyes as Private Charles Bocquet marched into the barracks carrying his two-year-old twin daughters in his arms.

Private Bocquet is a man of resource. His wife is expecting another baby, and, as there is nobody at home to look after the twins, he decided to bring them to the barracks.

The twins liked it. The soldiers gave them a feast and played games. But the officers—oh! They finally decided, after a hasty conference, that Private Bocquet's leave had better be extended—they had previously refused an extension—so that he could take the twins back home!

## PUBLIC ENEMIES NO 1

Police of this city may have to arrest dogs, cats, roosters, ducks, canaries, who bark, yowl, crow, quack, or chirp between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. if a new ordinance being prepared becomes a law.

"I well remember the day of the first test," Mr. A. Schultz, at that time a railroad official, told the New York Sunday Referee correspondent. "Hansen was very excited when he gave the engine driver his final instructions and told him to start."

"But the locomotive failed to come up to expectations. Hansen was told that there was nothing extraordinary about it, but the railroad company bought it for freight carrying purposes."

LOST REASON  
"Every day Hansen came to the station and waited for the engine to put up a new speed record. It never did. Hansen lost his reason and was sent to a lunatic asylum."

One day he escaped and went straight to the locomotive at the station. "Steam was up. He jumped into the driver's cab, worked the controls, and set the engine in motion. The trucks behind it were laden with dynamite for blasting purposes."

Hansen knew his locomotive. In a few moments it had gathered a speed never before attained, and railway workers stood aghast as the whole train roared away into the distance. It was breaking records, sure enough.

ENGINE DISAPPEARS

Days passed before the remains of the train were found. The dynamite had exploded, blowing all the trucks to pieces. But there was no trace of the engine or of Hansen, and after exhaustive investigations the mystery was docketed "unsolved."

Now, after fifty years, it has been cleared up. Workmen engaged in cleaning the bed of the Colorado River found Locomotive No. 13 and its driver. The engine had fallen from such a height that it had dug a hole in the mud fifteen yards deep. It will be raised from its curious grave, cleaned, and placed in the museum at Kansas City with a tablet describing its story.

## HAUPTMANN CASE RECALLED

Counsel For Defence Now Insane

Mr. Edward J. Reilly, chief of the battery of lawyers who defended Hauptmann during his six weeks' trial for the murder of the Lindbergh baby, awoke one day recently in Brooklyn Hospital for the Insane.

He had been taken there on an emergency commitment order signed by his mother.

Reilly, fiery, spectacular counsel, who has been four times married, four times divorced, had alimony trouble during 1936.

Reilly was discharged by Hauptmann immediately after the guilty verdict, and the subsequent defence manoeuvres were directed by Mr. C. Lloyd Fisher.

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.

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## £1,000,000 More For Home Industry

By SETON MARGRAVE

BRITISH films are guaranteed considerably more than £1,000,000 new income in 1937 by the completion of contracts between United Artists and home producers for the release in 102 countries in the next year of 21 pictures made in Britain.

Mr. Murray Silverstone, chairman and managing-director of United Artists in Britain and elsewhere in Europe, told me:

"The success in all countries of the films produced by Mr. Alexander Korda has been so great that United Artists have resolved to make the world-wide distribution of British productions a permanent policy."

"Progress made has stimulated the entire country. Attendances at cinemas all over the world are increasing."

### BEST PRODUCTIONS ONLY

Mr. Oscar Deutsch, chairman of Odeon Theatres, Limited, told me that "the enterprise of United Artists will act as a tonic to British film-going. It is essential that we should have a continuous supply of pictures of the finest quality made in this country."

Producers here whose work will be released by United Artists are Mr. Alexander Korda, Mr. Erich Pommer, Mr. Paul Czinner, Mr. Max Schach, Mr. Victor Saville, Mr. Marcel Hellman, and Mr. Lothar Mendes.

Stars will include Miss Elisabeth Bergner, Miss Merle Oberon, Miss Marlene Dietrich, Miss Miriam Hopkins, Mr. Charles Laughton, Mr. Robert Donat, Mr. Douglas Fairbanks jun., and Mr. Laurence Olivier.

## Zaharoff Surprise: No Will

Paris, Feb. 15.

SIR Basil ZAHAROFF has left no will, and only a tenth of the £20,000,000 fortune once attributed to him.

That is the belief after two months of inquiries into the arms financier's affairs.

More than a dozen solicitors, representing claimants from England, Turkey, Greece and France, are inquiring into the possible division of the will. But according to French law—and Zaharoff died a Frenchman—the contents or even the existence of wills need be disclosed only to legatees.

A member of the Greek Legation said: "According to French law, if there is no will everything goes to his two step-daughters, Mme Angela de Bourbon and Mrs. Leopold Walloff, of Kensington."

## Big Firm's Gift To Research

ALL the profit of Burroughs Wellcome and Co's manufacturing chemists, have been permanently dedicated to the advancement of knowledge for the benefit of mankind.

In a letter to a London newspaper the trustees of the Wellcome Foundation say:

"We believe this to be the first example in this country at least, of a testamentary disposition by which the whole of the profits from a great manufacturing and trading organisation, after certain personal and memorial bequests have been fulfilled, are permanently dedicated to the advancement of knowledge for the general benefit of mankind."

Appeals for contributions for various research undertakings have been made to them. They point out that they cannot consider them in the immediate future.

The Wellcome Foundation was formed in 1924 to take over all the business activities of Burroughs Wellcome and Co. and scientific research institutions and museums established by the late Sir Henry Wellcome, who held the whole of the share capital.

The activities of the Foundation will be carried on by a board of directors, in collaboration with the trustees. A fund is maintained for the advancement of medical and scientific research in any part of the world. The Foundation also maintains a fund for the establishment of endowments of research museums or libraries.

## TIME PASSED HIM BY

THIRTY-NINE years ago Richard Arthur Prince, actor, became madly jealous of William Terriss—father of Ellaline Terriss and stage idol of the '90's, stabbed and killed him at the stage door of the old Adelphi Theatre, was sent to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Thirty-nine years passed. Time marched on, leaving Prince behind, leaving him out of the news—until one night, this month when the report came from Broadmoor that he had died—aged seventy-one.

Thirty-nine years elapsed, left him unaffected by, oblivious of, many facts such as these: The Boer War started during the year of his trial, ended four years later.

Queen Victoria died. Four kings succeeded to the throne. Airplanes were invented in 1903. The great war shook the world from 1914 to 1918.

Radio; then Television. Thirty-nine years—and Prince had never seen greyhound racing, speedway racing, he had never seen a giant liner, not even the Mauretania, which entered and passed from the seas during that lifetime he spent at Broadmoor.

## Soldier Heroes Save Girl

New Delhi, Feb. 20.

PRIVATES Hall and Hill, of the York and Lancaster Regiment, have heroically saved the life of an Indian girl at Barababul.

The two soldiers were attracted by the screams of a crowd round the village well and were told that a girl of twelve had fallen in. Private Hill at once climbed precariously down the ledges inside the well. He reached the water, but, after a hurried swim, was unable to find the girl.

He shouted up to Private Hall that there was sufficient water to dive into, and Hall promptly took a 20ft. dive into the well's 10ft. of water. He found the girl and brought her to the surface of the water, where he and Hill supported her.

The Indians above made a rope of their turbans, and all three were brought to the top. The two soldiers applied artificial respiration and brought the girl round.

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## NEW YORK MARKET STRONGER

UNCERTAINTY OVER UTILITIES

New York, Feb. 26. — Despite continued caution, the entire list was higher on the New York Stock Exchange to-day. Mercantile issues strengthened on trade reports and others were heartened by the further advance in steel scrap prices, improved carloadings, and also increased automobile production and wholesale and retail trade improvements.

The unfavourable influences were the continued labour difficulties, dull and nervous commodity exchanges and uncertainty over utilities.

The bond market was irregularly higher, with U.S. Government issues lower, while issues on the Curb Exchange were irregular.

Dow-Jones Averages:

Feb. 25 Feb. 26 Change
Industrials ... 180.00 187.17 Up .40
Rails ... 57.43 57.81 Up .38
Utilities ... 34.00 34.02 Off .02
Bonds ... 103.10 104.00 Up .04
Volume: 1,780,000 shares.

## Fast Trains For London Glasgow Run LONGEST NON-STOP SERVICE

London, Feb. 26. — New high-speed express train services between London and Glasgow are shortly to be introduced by the London and Midland Railway.

The journey to Scotland, covering 401½ miles, will be performed, in six and a half hours. The only stopping place will be Carlisle.

The journey will be the longest non-stop run in the world. The engines employed will be of the streamlined type.—Reuter.

## RETIREMENT OF JUDGES

Washington, Feb. 26. — The Senate has passed the Bill permitting Judges of the Supreme Court to retire voluntarily on full pay at the age of 70 years.

The action came shortly after President Roosevelt's announcement at a press conference that he would address the nation in a radio talk on March 9. The address is expected to contain fervent support for the Court plan, pointing out that the alternative is a constitutional amendment which would introduce dangerous delay.—Reuter.

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## AIRSHIP SERVICE TO EAST

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Berlin, Feb. 26. — The opening of airship traffic from Europe to India and the Far East is foreshadowed by Captain Lehmann, the trans-Atlantic airship commander.

Captain Lehmann says the technical and economic conditions for such flights can be satisfactorily met. By 1939, Germany will have four modern airships, and higher speeds, greater comfort and cheaper fares can be expected.—Reuter Special.

## Pope Pius Continues To Improve

Vatican City, Feb. 26. — His Holiness the Pope to-day enters into the thirteenth week of his illness, with high hopes of recovery, after times when his life was despaired of. The recent improvement in his condition has been maintained.

His Holiness spends most of his day in the audience room and takes a daily walk around the apartment, sometimes alone, sometimes on the arm of a secretary. He refuses to walk with a stick.

On warm days he walks a little on his balcony, in the sun.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

## NEUTRALITY RESPECTED

HITLER'S PROMISE TO SWITZERLAND

Berne, Feb. 26. — "At all times we shall respect the integrity and neutrality of Switzerland," I affirm this categorically.

This is the assurance which Herr Hitler is stated to have given to the former Federal Councillor, M. Schulthess, during the latter's visit to Berlin this week.—Reuter.

### TREASURY BILLS

London, Feb. 26. — The total amount applied for in tenders for £40,000,000 Treasury bills was £74,175,000. The average rate for bills at three months was 10/3.10d, against 11/3.05d a week ago.—British Wireless.



John Crawford and Clark Gable in "Love on the Run," opening at the King's Theatre on Sunday.

## League's Many Activities

PEACE EFFORTS CONTINUED

Geneva, Feb. 26. — The Secretary-General of the League has received from the Swiss, United Kingdom, Greek, Turkish and Polish Governments communications informing him of the encouragement given to the Egyptian Government to apply for membership of the League.

Representatives of National Committees set up by different countries in pursuance of the League's request that they should interchange experiences in dealing with different aspects of the problem of nutrition, are now meeting at Geneva. The Chairman is Lord Astor, of the United Kingdom. The following are represented: Belgium, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, Latvia, Norway, Sweden, the United States, Russia and Yugoslavia.

The Intellectual Co-operation Organisation arranged a meeting at Geneva of a joint committee of major international associations which aim at encouraging studies in common and at suggesting practical means of educating the young in the spirit of peace. Among the questions discussed were co-operation with the League in regard to education, unemployment among young intellectual workers, workers' spare time lectures, and tours of the educational press as a factor for peace and education.

The February number of the League's monthly bulletin statistics gives, besides the usual tabulated summary of the movement of world trade, the production of pig-iron, steel, zinc, coal, petroleum and the world's stock of primary commodities during 1929-36.—League of Nations Press.

## BOWEN ROAD CAR PARK

ROAD WIDENING SCHEME

The Government is inviting tenders for the widening of Magazine Cap Road and the provision of a car park at its junction of Bowen Road. The work comprises all the necessary walling, decking and surfacing for improving the road line and forming a car park, and widening the bridge, both with all necessary contingent works.

Tenders are also being invited for the erection of a steel structure to cover an approach from Connaught Road to the vehicular ferry wharf, together with footpaths and other contingent works.

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### LOCAL ESTATE

Permission has been granted to Mr. Robert Millar, c/o. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Co., Ltd., lawful attorney, for selling off certified copy of probate of the will of the late Mr. James Punccheon, formerly of Hongkong, and No. 22, Dillingburgh Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. The deceased left local estate sworn under \$69,500.

A wedding has been arranged between Mr. William Sullivan, Police officer, No. 8, Police Station, and Miss Margaret Olwin George, No. 1, Minden Avenue.

It is notified that His Honour the Chief Justice has directed that the next Criminal Sessions shall be held on Monday, March 15, at 10 a.m.

## FOUR POWERS WILL GUARD SPAIN COAST

(Continued from Page 1.)

technical problems involved in its application. The Committee will meet again on Monday.—British Wireless.

### RUSSIA'S OBJECTION

London, Feb. 26.

Although Soviet Russia's reason for withdrawing from the International Non-Intervention Committee's scheme of control of the Spanish war zones is not yet known, it is known that Russia objected to the area allotted to her. It included the Bay of Biscay, which is always boisterous at this time of year.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Ambassador, told a previous meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee that Germany would only agree to the participation of Russia provided that the experts' recommendations with regard to zones were adopted.

A communique issued by the Non-Intervention Committee to-night, says the Soviet representative has stated that his Government did not at present claim to make use of the right to participate in the naval supervision of Spain, as it was not interested, either politically or otherwise, in the presence of its naval forces in the Mediterranean Sea or the Atlantic Ocean, at a great distance from its own bases.

The Portuguese representative, meanwhile, has reminded the sub-committee that Portugal always favoured entrusting the supervision scheme to the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Italy. There, he said, Portugal did not desire to participate in the control scheme as long as it was confined to those four powers.—Reuter.

### SPANISH SYMPATHY

London, Feb. 26.

Senor Del Vaya, Spanish Minister of State, has expressed to Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, British Charge d'Affaires, the sympathy and concern felt by the Government at the accident to H. M. S. Royal Oak which resulted in the wounding of five officers and men.—British Wireless.

## FRENCH FLIERS SERIOUS CRASH AT THAKET

The French fliers Georges Libert and Gilbert Denis were many hours overdue yesterday afternoon, and tears were felt for their safety.

Despite bad weather the fliers had done well until they left Akab at 7 p.m. (G.M.T.) on Thursday. They were intending at that time to fly direct to Hongkong, with the proviso that anything went wrong. Hanoi at yesterday was trying to make wireless communication with them and failing, while by 2 p.m. it was definite that the fliers had landed somewhere, since by that time their fuel must have run out. Where they landed, however, was unknown, and no news could be obtained.

### Crash in Indo-China

Shanghai, Feb. 26. — The French authorities announce that the airmen Denis and Libert, attempting the Paris-Tokyo flight within 100 hours, crashed at Thakhet in the Laos province of Indo-China. One of the aviators was injured.—Reuter.

According to similar information received in Hongkong the plane was badly damaged and the flight has been abandoned. The identity of the injured man is unknown.

Latvian Airman  
H. Gurkes, the Latvian airman who arrived here from Europe some months ago and damaged his plane as he was taking off for Tokyo, arrived back in Hongkong yesterday from a short stay in Hanoi.

He announced that he had returned because he expects the spare parts for his machine to arrive here this week, and after they are fitted he will set out for Tokyo before flying to Latvia.

### STEEL FOR U.S. NAVY

Washington, Feb. 26. — President Roosevelt states that the Government attempts to obtain steel for the Navy has so far been virtually without result. He is conferring with Mr. Charles Edison, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, on the problem.—United Press.

## CINEMA NOTES

Singing, dancing, dimples flashing even when tears are clinging to her lashes, Shirley Temple is showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day in her new Twentieth Century-Fox triumph, "Dimples," the grandest story Shirley has ever had and the outstanding hit in her parade of successes. As a little minstrel, harmonising with street singers, playing every role in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" single-handed, turning in a minstrel show and mothering and caring for her irrepressible and incorrigible guardian, Frank Morgan, Shirley's supporting cast includes Helen Westley, Robert Kent, Astrid Allwyn, Delma Byron, the Hall Johnson Choir and the inimitable Stepin Fetchit. Shirley is better than ever before and her new musical numbers literally stop the show. Morgan and Stepin Fetchit furnish an abundant and hilarious laughter, while Robert Kent, Astrid Allwyn and Delma Byron provide exciting romantic interest. Helen Westley is superb in her role, and the Hall Johnson Choir provides unparalleled music. Darryl F. Zanuck appointed William A. Seiter director and Nunnally Johnson associate producer of the film.

### "The Devil Is a Sissy"

Bringing together three of the most famous boy stars in motion pictures, directed by W. S. Van Dyke of "San Francisco" and "His Brother's Wife" fame, and telling a story that reaches deep into the hearts, "The Devil Is a Sissy" is at the King's Theatre to-day, and proves to be one of the most stirring, gripping and entertaining dramas of modern youth that the screen has ever produced. In "The Devil Is a Sissy" that brilliant child actor, Freddie Bartholomew, who enacted first "David Copperfield," and then "Little Lord Fauntleroy," now appears as an orphan of New York's lower East Side. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has given the young British star his most human role in this comedy-drama of contemporary boyhood. Co-starring with Freddie are Jackie Cooper and the irresistible Mickey Rooney. The story, by Rowland Brown, centres about the trio of boys, Freddie, as Freddie, a divorced father in the picture, provides touching adult romance with Peggy Conklin portraying a Broadway show girl who is Mickey's aunt. Others in the capable cast are Gene and Kathleen Lockhart, Sherwood Bailey and Buster Slavin.

### "Kelly The Second"

"Kelly the Second," new Hal Roach feature length comedy, is providing uproarious entertainment to patrons of the Majestic Theatre. It has the punch of a Joe Louis; the colour of a Dempsey; and the finesse of a Tunney. Featuring such popular screen personalities as Patsy Kelly, Charley Chase, Pert Kelton, Edward Brophy, Colin "Big Boy" Williams, Harold Huber, Maxie Rosenbloom and others, the story has to do with the adventures of Patsy Kelly, who is the sweetheart-trainer of Cecil Gallahan (Guinn "Big Boy" Williams), a truck driver who becomes a professional fighter. Interspersed throughout the story, which skillfully combines humour, romance and thrills, are sufficient rags to tab the production a comedy. Directed by Gus Moins, "Kelly the Second" brings Patsy Kelly to the screen. In her first feature-length picture for Hal Roach although she has previously been seen in eight full-length films for other producers.

## DIOCESAN SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

A splendid tribute both to the School and to Mr. Sykes, a former headmaster, was made at the annual dinner of the Diocesan Old Boys Association last night. The form of a scholarship, the money for which, amounting to \$2,000, was presented to the present Headmaster, the Rev. C. B. R. Sargent, by the President of the Association, Mr. Peter Sin.

Prior to the dinner, which was held at the Hotel Cecil, the annual general meeting was held. Mr. Sin took the Chair and was supported by the following members of the council:—Mr. A. G. F. Prew (Hon. Secretary), Mr. G. She, Dr. Arthur Woo, Mr. T. S. W. Chan, Mr. B. C. Randall, Mr. J. L. Youngsaye and Mr. S. Jex.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall was also present.

The annual report and accounts were approved and the following elected to office for the current year:—President, Mr. Peter Sin; Vice-President, the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. G. F. Prew; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. L. Youngsaye; Members of the General Committee, Messrs. G. She, D. J. N. Anderson, T. S. W. Chan, Dr. Arthur Woo, Messrs. A. Crawford, W. N. Thomas, Tam, F. A. Broadbridge, P. Wong, B. D. Lay, C. Y. Kwan, W. J. Howard and B. C. Randall.

It was proposed and adopted by the meeting that a Mutual Aid Fund be formed with the idea of alleviating any temporary distress among the members of the Association.

The proposal that Mr. George Ptery, Mr. Henry Sykes and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall be elected honorary members of the Association was received with acclamation.

Immediately following the annual general meeting, there was an extraordinary general meeting at which four amendments to the constitution were adopted.

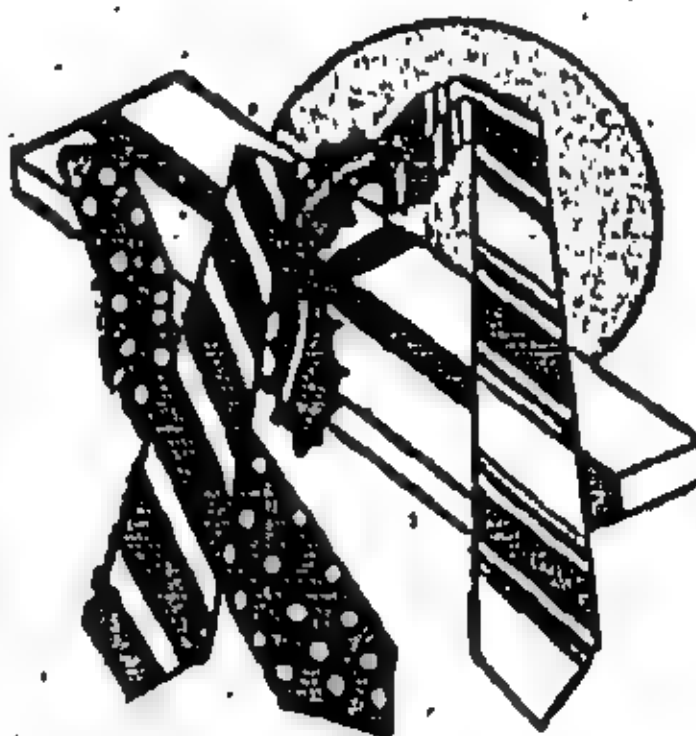
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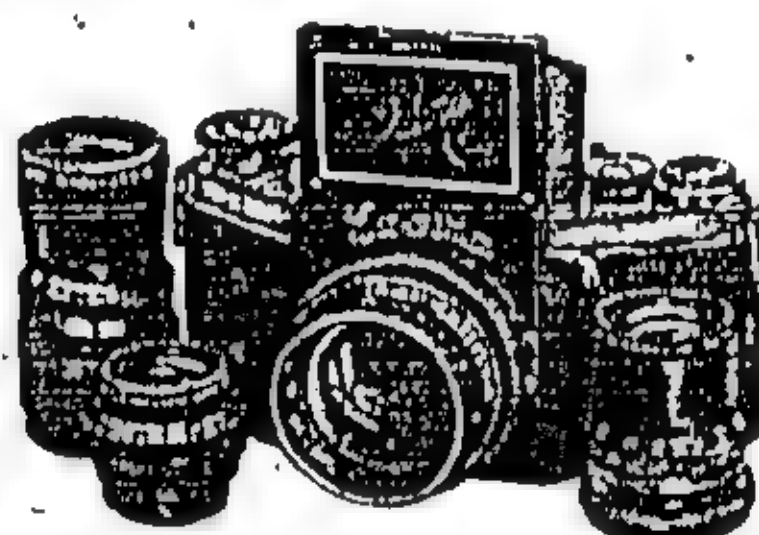
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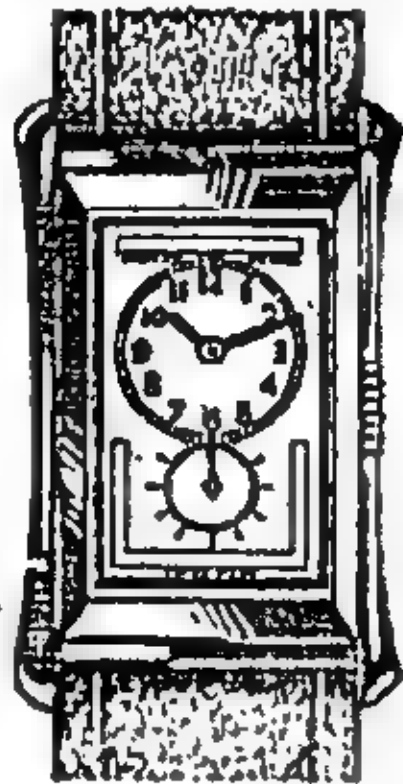


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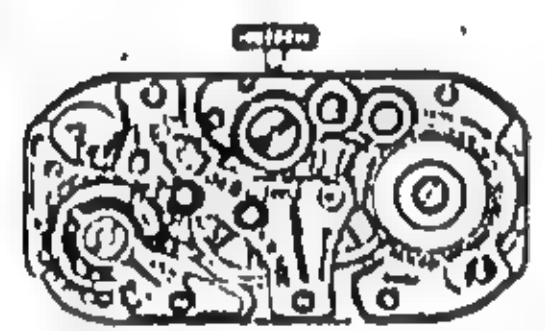
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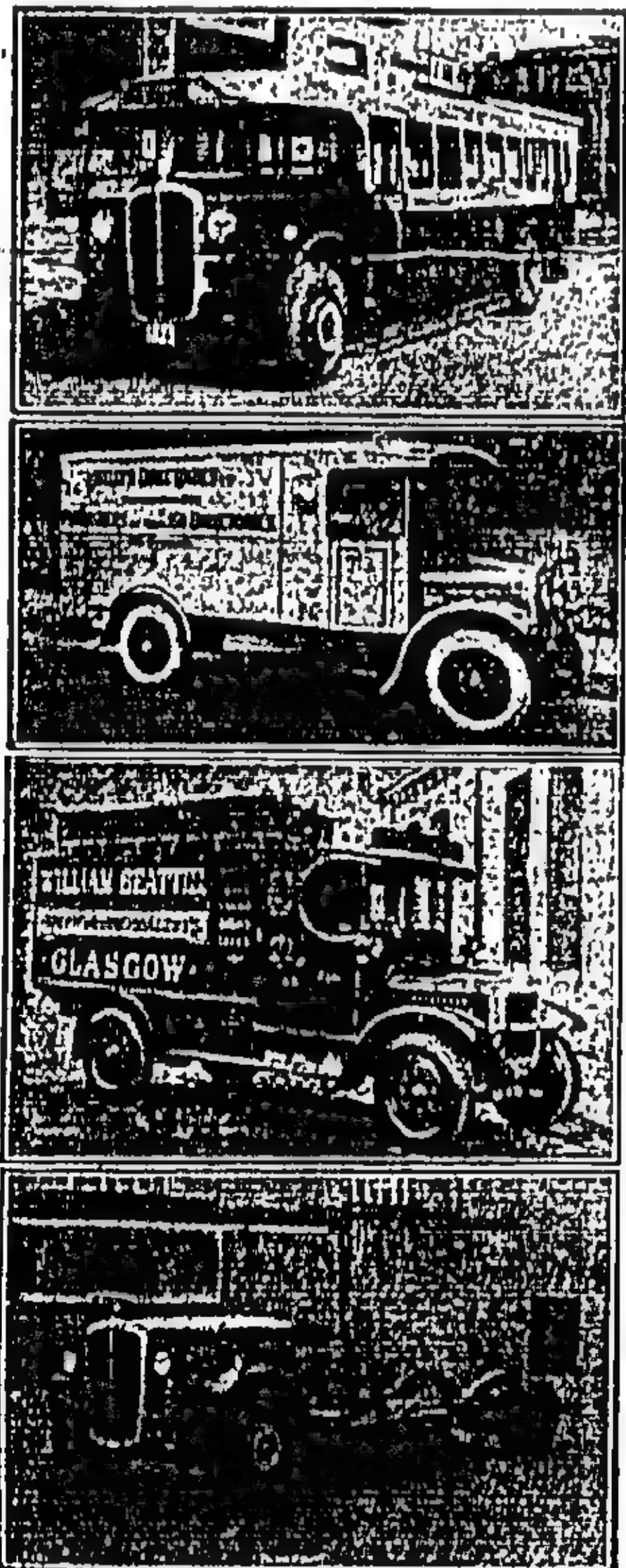
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**ALTAR CAN'T BE "FENCED"****Communion for Those  
Who Remarry****BISHOPS REFUSE SENTENCE  
OF "SPIRITUAL DEATH"**

"WE cannot fence the altar," declared the Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) at a meeting of the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury, opposing a resolution to bar from Communion people who remarried after divorce.

In the Lower House a resolution was passed calling for stronger safeguards against collusion and perjury in divorce cases.

The resolution was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Criticism was made of Mr. A. P. Herbert's Marriage Bill now before Parliament.

The resolution of the Bishop of Ely (Dr. Heywood) in the Upper House stated: "This House is not able to approve the admission to Holy Communion of persons who, having remarried after divorce and having thereby transgressed the law of Christ and the Church, continue to live in disregard of the moral obligations which must bind those who are to be admitted to Holy Communion."

**"ALWAYS A SIN"**

The Bishop maintained that remarriage after divorce always involved a sin against the Seventh Commandment.

"I believe it is said that the condemned murderer is admitted to Communion before execution, and it is asked: If the murderer, why not the adulterer?" he said.

"But if the murderer is in a position to continue the slaughter of his neighbours and avails himself of the opportunity, then we should surely not admit him to Communion."

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell), opposing the resolution, said: "There is a very great danger of schism if the purity of the Church were to be pushed to such a final conclusion as to make it impossible to contain within the Church all but the most purified, and the most deeply and irretrievably devoted to this Article of excommunicating those who break the marriage bond."

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) said: "I cannot see that it is right to fence the altar. We ought to encourage all who desire the help of Christ to live better lives and to come to His Table."

"Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," said the Bishop of London (Dr. Ingham) who said he believed it was wrong in itself to excommunicate. He described it as "sending people to spiritual death."

**SPIRITUAL DEATH**

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang) said he could not bring himself to accept the resolution, and that he felt that they would be justified in conscience in not accepting it.

Only the Bishops of Ely and St. Albans voted for the resolution. The Upper House also considered a report of the Joint Committee on the Church and Marriage, with recommendations presented by the Bishop of Winchester.

These recommendations included the principle that a "guilty" as well as an "innocent" party in a divorce case, after marriage, could, in certain circumstances, by permission of the Bishop, be baptised or take Holy Communion.

**COLLUSION**

The Lower House approved this resolution: "It is urgently desirable that

**"Reverend"  
Deaconesses**

THE Upper House of the Convocation of York recently approved a resolution that deaconesses should wear a special dress or emblem and be addressed as "Reverend."

"Deaconesses want to be accorded real status," said the Bishop of Carlisle (Dr. Williams), presenting a report and resolutions prepared by a committee of bishops.

One resolution said deaconesses ought to rank among the clergy and not among lay, and that for all religious and ecclesiastical purposes a deaconess ought to be regarded and described as a person who was in Holy Orders.

The Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple) said there had been disappointment among the deaconesses that their order had not been placed on a level with the order of deacons.

There was no desire, he said, to belittle the order of deaconesses, but rather to magnify it. His motive was to set it free from some restriction that were imposed on the deacons.

steps should be taken to strengthen the safeguards against the methods of collusion and perjury which are at the present time not uncommonly employed in seeking to secure decrees of divorce."

The resolution was moved by the Dean of Winchester (Dr. Edward Selwyn).

"A High Court judge who has to deal with many poor people's divorce suits has told me," said the Dean, "that he did not see anything in the new Bill which really was going to deal with the question of collusion. 'I think he rather thought that the difficulty of collusion was almost insuperable.'"

"Anyone who knows the sort of divorce suits that are now taking place knows well that the people engaged in them are not going to wait three years before they get release."

"They are perfectly prepared to have 'put up' adultery to get it. They do not mind if it involves perjury. It is with these people that the law ought to deal."

The Suffragan Bishop of Barking (Dr. J. T. Inskip) also criticised Mr. A. P. Herbert's Bill, which is now before Parliament.

"If the grounds for divorce are extended," he said, "it is reasonable to suppose that the present alarming ratio of divorce might very well be considerably increased."



A view of the great floods in England, showing a highway in Kent completely under water with only the telephone poles showing the presence of the road.

**GERMAN  
FIRMS &  
PORTUGUESE  
COLONY**

Berlin, Feb. 15.

It is reliably understood here that seven prominent German firms have recently taken up construction and exploitation activities in the Portuguese colony of Angola, West Africa.

Angola, bounded by the French and Belgian Congo and British South Africa, is 487,788 square miles in extent, and its population is more than 3,000,000. It has a coast line of more than 1,000 miles.

The firms concerned include: I. G. Farbenindustrie, the German dye trust, which is interested in the potash deposits in Angola as well as in Portuguese Guinea.

Gutehoffnungshütte, the coal and foundry concern.

Borsig Rheinmetall, machinery. The contracts, which were signed last month, are understood to centre on mining activities, but the construction of bridges and tunnels will also be undertaken.

Well-informed quarters here state that the contracts are of a "purely private character," and it is stipulated that Portuguese sovereignty is not prejudiced.

**HITLER AND COLONIES**

It is also stressed that Germany has not leased or bought any part of Portuguese territory in Angola, as has been frequently reported.

Herr Hitler, it is believed, will refer—perhaps at length—to the colonial issue in his speech to the Reichstag on Saturday.

An Iranian economic mission has arrived in Berlin, where it is expected to negotiate with Krupp, the I. G. Farbenindustrie, and the Borsig Rheinmetall for construction of plant and factories to exploit Iranian fish products.

Iran would export to Germany essential commodities such as wool, cotton, and sheep-gut in return for chemicals and medicinal products.—United Press.

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## Four Women In Will Tangle

New York, Feb. 15.

DO you remember "Peaches" Browning?

She was the "Cinderella girl" who, at the age of 16, married "Daddy" Browning, eccentric American millionaire, 11 years ago.

"Peaches" is to-day one of four women who are fighting for the \$2,000,000 "Daddy" Browning left.

They are:—

"Peaches" Browning, to-day a glamorous blonde.

Mrs. Nellie Adele Browning, the millionaire's first wife.

Mrs. Dorothy ("Sunshine") Browning Hood, adopted daughter of "Daddy," aged 22, and

Miss Marjorie Browning, aged 21, another adopted daughter.

"Daddy" Browning, who had a collection of 3,000,000 letters from girls, showered gifts upon "Peaches." He allowed her to spend at the rate of \$200 a day, and gave her magnificent limousines.

After six months "Daddy" announced that the marriage had never been a real one; that "Peaches" slept in a room with her mother the whole time. He separated from her.

ACID ATTACK

Just before her marriage to the millionaire "Peaches" was attacked while she was sleeping.

Someone threw acid over her face and an expensive operation was needed to restore her beauty.

It is said that legal proceedings now beginning over "Daddy's" will may throw new light on this mysterious attack.

Favourite in the battle is "Sunshine," because "Daddy" on his deathbed added a codicil to the will, providing her with \$2,000 a year until she comes of age and afterwards \$5,000 a year for life.

Her closest rival is "Peaches." As widow, she claims she is entitled to at least one third of the money.

Mrs. Nellie Adele Browning, the first wife, seemed to have a formidable chance, but it is stated that in consideration of an annual income she waived all her wifely rights.

"Dark horse" in the race is little Marjorie Browning, who says she is entitled to the fortune as "Daddy's" adopted child.

New York lawyers are now awaiting the order to open the legal battle for the millions.

## RAIL FIGHT FOR AIR MONOPOLY

BRITISH railway companies plan to gain a monopoly in day and night air mail services, and later to control all airline development.

The Maybury Committee recommended recently that G.P.O. mail contracts should be given to one company that could point to the best record of regularity on all services and that would have to keep the subsidy in the face of competition.

Double Service

Railway Air Services, financed by the four big companies and Imperial Airways, will, next year, at least double existing services between London and the provinces.

British Airways, next biggest combine to the railway group, have

## DIVER TO EXPLORE LUSITANIA

Hull May Be Blown Up For Scrap  
SEA-BED BROADCAST PLAN

SALVAGE operations in the former Cunard liner Lusitania, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in 1915, with a loss of 1,198 lives, are expected to begin next April.

It is planned (says a London Journal) to break the ship up under water by explosives and sell the metal as scrap, and probably, it is stated, for the manufacture of armaments.

On May 7, the 22nd anniversary of the catastrophe, Capt. John E. Craig, the under-water photographer, hopes to broadcast from the Lusitania's deck, and a film record is to be made of the salvage operation.

Two obstacles have hitherto prevented the salvaging of the Lusitania, which, in addition to its value as scrap metal, is believed to contain valuable jewellery. The first was ignorance of the position of the hull, the second the lack of suitable diving equipment.

The liner is believed to have been located by echo-sounder apparatus by Capt. Henry B. Russell, of Glasgow, in command of an expedition in the 450-ton Ophir in October, 1935, at a point 11.2 miles from Kinsale Head, Ireland.

The sounder recorded an object 760 feet long and 84 feet in height; these are the dimensions of the Lusitania.

Subsequently diver James Jarratt descended to the vessel and stood on the deck, but was compelled by rough weather to return to the surface before he had positively identified the ship. He noticed, however, that the rivets were the same size as those in the Lusitania.

The great liner lies in more than 300 feet of water, while the ordinary diving-dress is limited to a maximum depth of 180 feet. This obstacle was overcome by the invention by Mr. J. A. Peress, a Briton, of an all-metal diving suit capable, it is claimed, of working at a depth of over 1,300 feet.

This suit has been tested in Loch Ness at depths of 400 feet, and in a pressure tank at a pressure of 600 lb. per sq. in., which corresponds to a depth of 1,320 feet, Mr. Peress states.

already abandoned the London-Liverpool section of their route to the north, where railway competition by train and plane is especially strong.

## HITLER TO HIRE COLONY

HERR Hitler shortly announced a new step towards the achievement of his ambition for "a place in the sun."

Portugal's African possession, West Angola, is to be leased to Germany, London diplomats believe. The lease is likely to be one of ninety-nine years, during which Germany will have full rights of possession and development.

This project would probably do something towards satisfying the German demand for colonies. Britain is not expected to raise any objection.

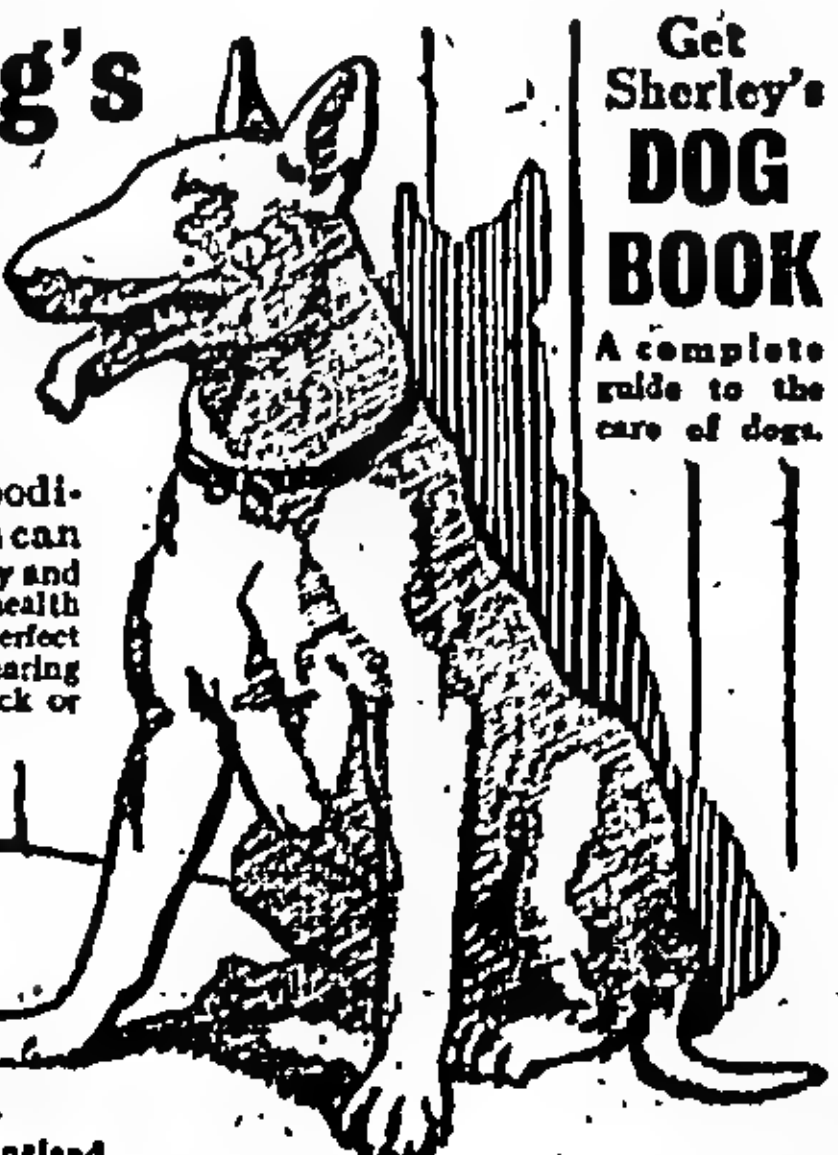
It has often been denied that Portugal would agree to sell any of her colonies. But the proposal that Germany should lease Angola may be a compromise.

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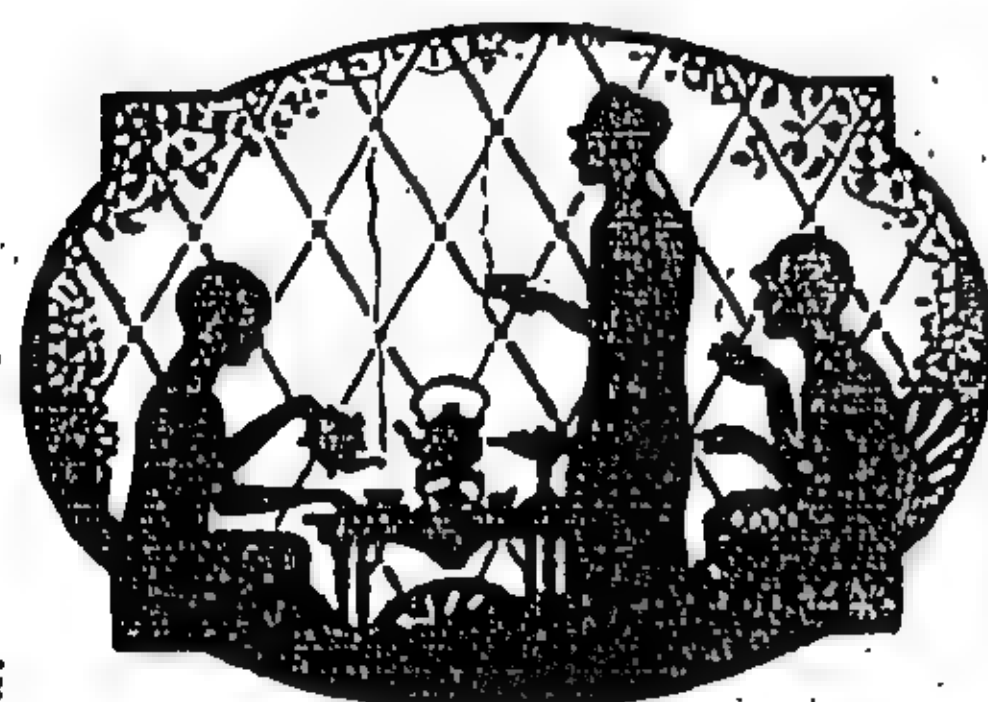
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### EMPIRE WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS

Among the many gatherings which are to be held in London during the Coronation period is an Empire conference on the care and after-care of those suffering from tuberculosis. It is felt that the many visitors from overseas will include numerous medical men and women from various parts of the Empire interested in the increasing toll of death from the dread scourge and in the devising of measures for reducing the high rate of mortality therefrom, especially amongst native races. The conference is being planned by the Overseas League and the Papworth Village Settlement which makes a special study of treatment of sufferers and of after-care of those who manage to survive. Those in charge of the arrangements believe that it may be possible to begin an Empire-wide campaign against the ravages of the disease. The subject is one of peculiar interest to Hongkong, which has a most unenviable reputation for the enormous number of deaths occurring from tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. Well over forty per cent. of deaths in this Colony are due to this group of diseases. The weekly returns show about sixty deaths a week therefrom, so that it can be said that tuberculosis, in one form or another, kills off some three thousand people a year. The causes for this high incidence are well known—they have been correctly described in official reports as overcrowding, the expectorating habit, and the poverty of the masses. It is also conceded that there is great need for more hospital and infirmary accommodation for tubercular patients, especially for those of the poorer classes. But only half-hearted attempts are being made to deal with the scourge. Poverty is, without question, the main source of the evil, and it is easily to be seen that the raising of the standard of life of the masses must be a very slow process. A vigorous slum clearance plan, on the lines of that being undertaken at Home, would produce fruitful results by improving the

Some years ago I was sent to America, to the New York office of a large steamship company, after having served with them in the East and South America. In New York I lived with a war-time captain of the Highland Light Infantry who had returned to his craft of theatrical costume and scene design. We lived in the Bohemian quarter of Greenwich Village, where artists and writers are supposed to saw their own hair with a nail file and fry eggs over the gas jet. It was a grand part of town to live in, not only because it was handy to the docks, but because I met substantial playwrights and producers, and a fair number of actors and actresses, who were far removed from messy Bohemianism.

Their absorption in their trade was contagious. When not actively in a play they sought to improve their knowledge and technique. From them I learned that art for art's sake is less artistic than art undertaken for profit. This is an apparent paradox, but art requires full-time devotion and only those who succeed in making a living by its practice can do so to the exclusion of other tasks. However, writing can be undertaken as a side line and I have had some luck in that way.

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conditions under which so many of the people live, but this will be useless unless at the same time some scheme is devised for providing alternative accommodation within the means of those concerned. Admittedly, the problem bristles with difficulties, but action is called for. In this connection, it would be informative to know whether the Commission on overcrowding is still sitting, and, if so, when its much overdue report may be expected.

WITH the article that follows this introduction, I should attach the photograph of a man who is living in literary seclusion in Hongkong. I should further add to it a name which would instantly identify him to local residents among whom he has been moving for several months; or a *nom de plume* which would draw surprised delight from the better-read section of our public.

These things I should be only too glad to do but the author concerned is at the moment wrapped up in a new work on Hongkong which he wishes to continue in that atmosphere of watchful obscurity which is productive of the best talent. Possibly, he may wish to continue in the same meteorological conditions when Hongkong has had an opportunity in a few months' time of reading what it really is like.

The only clues I can give, to his identity are that he was once a shipping agent in the Far East and now gives his time entirely to writing. Here is what he says.

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where in the history of Hongkong is a human story to match its dramatic physical setting. When it may finally appear on stage or screen the old resident will probably feel outraged at liberties taken with local conditions, but, to turn a profit, especially for the films, a story must have general appeal.

A theatrical producer once drew from me in conversation many details about the life of foreigners in Japan. In a few weeks he sent for my comment the full manuscript of a three act play. I don't remember details but the climax came when a European girl was put up for auction on the bar of the Kobe Club. I made plenty of comments, and no more was heard of that play. But the producer has now become a director for a Hollywood company and I often see his name subscribed to fine work.

Though none of my attempts at full length plays have reached the stage, I have often had them played over the radio networks. I have ghost-written for famous authors, and have squeezed myself into parts in dramas both over the air and on Broadway. I was in the show that made Sylvia Sidney famous. She was required to



Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, acting Puisne Judge, who is leaving the Colony very shortly on promotion to a Judgeship in Kenya. (Photo: Kobza).

scream violently at the final curtain. I always managed to sneak away from the theatre and was well into Times Square by the time the scream came out, but it was easily heard above the roar of the Great White Way.

It is dangerous to give up other work to undertake writing, but the lure of gold has encouraged many prospectors into the field who would be better occupied with a pick and shovel on a pipe line. And no wonder. The author of "Anthony Adverse" has received more than £80,000 from the sale of books in one country alone, and in addition Warner Brothers paid £19,000 for the film rights. Eugene O'Neill turned down a studio engagement calling for forty weeks at

\$1,000 a week, and Booth Tarkington has prepared an outline of a screen play he is willing to sell at £10,000. It costs £1,000 to look at his outline; and it has already been peeped at and paid for.

### Flowers To You—

Mr. Bagram

IN anticipation of this year's bumper display of flowers at the local Horticultural Society's Exhibition on Tuesday, I visited the hard-working honorary secretary, Mr. J. T. Bagram yesterday, to catch up with the floral season.

Mr. Bagram, A.M.I.C.E., A.R.S.M., D.L.C., F.R.H.S., is a Share and General Broker—a strange mask for a horticulturist—but a few moments with him almost made me throw down my pen for a spade. On shares and exchange Mr. Bagram is reticent but on hours of sunshine, garden elevation, daffodil forcing, and the mysteries of orchids he talks fluently.

Strangely enough, his acquaintance with horticulture is comparatively short. First in Hongkong in 1913, he went Home to "join up," returned after the Armistice, joined the Society about 1928 and has since annexed a great many honours in the annual competitions. He has this year retired from the annual competitions and is merely exhibiting his garden products.

"It was the strike of 1925 that first brought me into touch with gardening," he told me. "I was looking after my uncle's place at Marble Hall and seeds kept arriving for him from all over the world. There was no gardener to plant them so I had to do a lot myself and became very interested. When I went into my flat in May Road I started some pots on top of the coal house. Then my gardener thought there was more sunshine to be got from the hillside. Now I have an acre and a half of garden, a hot-house, and two houses for keeping plants sheltered."

Conversation after this became a little difficult as Mr. Bagram plunged into the niceties of Stuart and Low's cartons, the value of Sutton's seeds as against those of Carters and Bath of Wisbech (best for bulbs), and went on to talk of the perennial delphinium which shares with many humans, an objection to our climate, and the tuberous pegoia supplied by Blackmore and Langdon. The best pansies, it appeared, came from Engleman and Son, and Japan held first place for cyclamen, but it was on cyneria of which Mr. Bagram has a magnificent selection, that he really enthused. Considering that his garden is between 700 and 800 feet above sea level and is frequently in mist, the beauty of his home-made paradise of flowers is remarkable.

Mr. Bagram's dream now is to grow really good orchids. "Everybody gets to that stage eventually," he confessed. "You try to grow everything rare and beautiful but in the end, you always come to orchids."

### Angle of Feminine

Ex-M.P.

A LADY ex-Member of Parliament takes the public platform, this time in connection with an event of singular importance to Hongkong, Miss Picton-Turbervill, one of the Commission which came to the Far East to report on Mui Tsai conditions, presents the feminine angle on this much-discussed subject and the full report, presented to Parliament this week, will be awaited with great interest out here.

"Walking across country with a silent companion" is the favourite recreation of Miss Edith Picton-Turbervill, according to the entry in "Who's Who."

Miss Picton-Turbervill would not herself observe the silence; her second favourite recreation is talking, and she is indeed a brilliant conversationalist.

She speaks quickly, fires a fusillade of questions at her companions and has scarcely heard the answer before she asks another.

That is why she learnt so much about Hongkong and Mui Tsai.

She has no prepared speech and just rambles on in a delightful style, interrupting her argument with occasional anecdotes.

She was talking about the House of Commons, where she once sat for a Shropshire division, and referring to Parliamentary oratory to-day she remarked:

"Mr. Lloyd George is always worth listening to, and so is Mr. Baldwin, but he is more academic."

"But generally speaking I've heard better speakers in the Mothers' Union than in the House of Commons."

As an ex-M.P., her feminine opinion of one of the most famous women M.P.'s is interesting.

"Lady Astor," Miss Picton-Turbervill remarked, "is always amusing, because you never know what she is going to say next, and when she has sat down she doesn't seem to know herself what she has said."

A little sarcastic, that, and due perhaps to the fact that Miss Picton-Turbervill and the noble lady sat on opposite sides of the gangway.

But anyone who has heard Lady Astor getting up unexpectedly in the House of Commons during a dull debate must agree with the description.

Miss Picton-Turbervill also recalled some fine examples of mixed metaphors which she has heard from pompous orators in the House of Commons.

One M.P. spoke about a "red herring being dragged across the path," but the Government won't get away with it, as before night it will be brought home to roost."

Another Member declared that a Bill was "the last straw, and, mark my words, it will bear no fruit."

The best of the three is the shortest. An M.P. protested that new legislation did not go far enough—"It is but a flea-bite in the ocean," he said.

When Miss Picton-Turbervill was in Parliament she caused a mild sensation one day by taking a fan into the House to keep cool on a summer day.

She fanned herself, and Sir N. Gratton-Doyle drew the attention of the Speaker to it. He said that men were not allowed to bring weapons into the House—and a fan, he said, is a feminine weapon.

The Speaker decided that a sword is offensive and that a fan is not. So Miss Picton-Turbervill went on fanning.

Pop Parker.

## These Names Make News

# What Will This Man Say About Our Fair City?

## BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

According to a contemporary, a Shanghai golfer did a hole of 776 yards, in one, recently. In view of its size, he could hardly miss it, we suppose.

Another contemporary reports that in the Japanese Diet, "Seyu Kaite has drawn attention to the necessity of protection of personal rights." This gentleman is believed to be closely related to Mr. Lab Ourite.

We understand there is no truth in the rumour that a certain police officer is anxious to start a Mounted Section of the Force, following his triumphal march in Kowloon on Thursday with two white horses.

China seems to be capturing Spain's orange trade in London. This will doubtless give Seville the pip.

The worst of being a golfer at Deep Water Bay these days is that you run the risk of being arrested for digging up the fairway.

Then there was the man who was only 196781 numbers off winning the Derby sweep. He didn't buy a ticket.

A lady recently won a dozen eggs as the prize in a local mah jongg contest. Let's hope they weren't all pongs.



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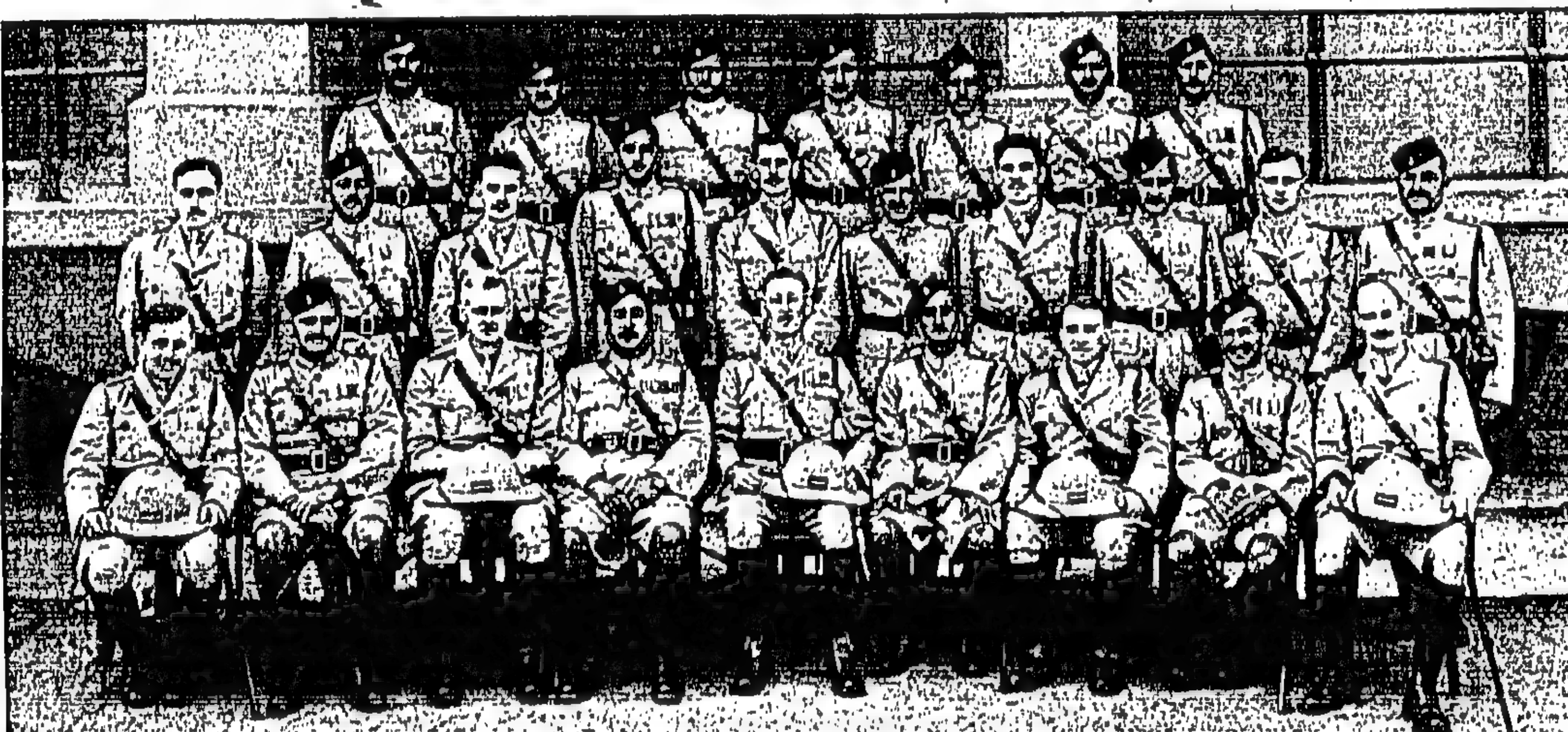
Mr. and Mrs. L. Le Gay Brereton with their infant son, Christopher Timothy, at the christening ceremony at St. Andrew's Church. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studio).



General Sir Alexander Godley greeting wives of men of the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles during his visit of inspection as Colonel of the Regiment. (Photo: King's Studio).



The above group was taken at the christening of the infant daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Gow. In addition to the parents those shown include Mrs. Beale-Browne, Cpl. and Mrs. MacCormac, and Lance/Cpl. Blissett.



Above are pictured the officers of the 1st. Kumaon Rifles, which recently arrived in Hongkong to replace the 1/8th. Punjabis. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



A charming study of little Dagmar Rohel, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. Rohel, manager of the Bata Shoe Company, and Mrs. Rohel. (Photo: King's Studio).



Group taken at the christening of the infant child of Dr. J. A. R. Selby and Mrs. Selby at 14 Leighton Hill. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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Another christening group, taken on the occasion of the baptism of Robert Gordon, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bell, at the Hongkong Union Church. (Photo: King's Studio).

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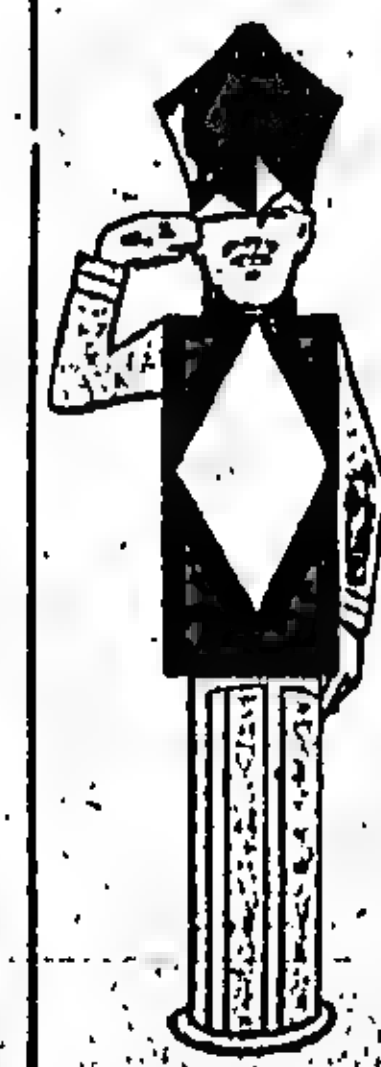
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"What shall I take with me?" Well, since the publishers have sent out hardly any new books this week, let me suggest for your selection a score or so of novels that have attracted me this season.

Sometimes you come across a tale which, whenever and where ever you read it, gives you that pleasantly exciting holiday feeling. Such a story is R. C. Sherriff's *Greenwich*, a simple, satisfying novel in which you meet the author on his own ground—in Bournemouth, that world of quiet pleasures, middling hopes and moderate routine.

And, incidentally, if you have not read his earlier book, *The Fortnight in September*, which has a holiday plot as well as a holiday atmosphere, now is the time.

IN that extremely amusing tale, *Rude, Wives Home*, Sybil Bultin and C. C. Fearnley exploit the comic side of "seeing oneself as others see us," showing you a capering group of highly sophisticated, world-weary folk through the eyes of a sensible, elderly woman. It will delight you, especially if you happen to be staying in Bournemouth.

Stella Gibbons' *Miss Linsey and Pa* is another holiday story, wise and witty and never whimsical, about an incurable optimist who, though weighed down by her own troubles, staggered on bearing her neighbour's burdens. It has the true "Once upon a time" fairy-tale touch.

And there is North C. James' *Sea View*, which tells how the little coastal village of St. Don's was swallowed by prosperous, vigorous Northsea, leaving one gap the less in the lengthening promenade of our shores. A well-told and convincing novel of conflicting hotel proprietors and lovers who win through at last.

It is a far cry from sleepy St. Don's to the steaming Niger, where Joyce Cary sets the scene of *The African Witch*. But the journey will be well worth your while for the author knows his characters—men and women awayed, whether they are Negroes or European residents, by powerful, jungle-shaking, empire-rocking taboos.

To anyone who still believes that human nature can't be changed, Owen Rutter's memorable *Clear Waters* should provide the necessary

shock. Here is life, presented not as a freak Eastern show, but as it was lived in Borneo, before the white man's ships sailed into those tropical, tree-fringed harbours.

And you will surely be moved by Mulk Raj Anand's *The Coolie*, one of this summer's most distinguished novels.

The tale of the pilgrimage of Munoo, an orphan of the hills, it forms the second volume of a trilogy which will prove a revelation of what in the view of one Indian at least, the rule of the Raj has meant to his people.

André Malraux, who has already interpreted the nightmare of Chinese politics for us in masterly style, turns west in *Days of Contempt* and holds a mirror up to Naziland. The reflection is unforgettable. By no means a conventional holiday story, but one of those rare, hypnotic books that you will be unable to resist.

Spain argues and struggles and boils over in Ramon J. Sender's *Seven Red Sundays*, a strange, poetic, mystical, intentionally chaotic tale of the birth of the Republic. It will help you to fill in the dark background of the Spanish crisis—and it is always burningly alive.

Historical fiction fans will cheer Robert Neumann's long and rewarding story of that astute and unscrupulous eighteenth century adventurer-dictator, Stuenkel, *The Queen's Doctor*. And they will be charmed by Wilhelm Speyer's *The Court of Fair Maidens*, which threads the intriguing mazes of a remote duchy a hundred years ago.

O. S. Forester traces the Rise, Decline and Fall of a Brass Hat during the War in that quietly composed, overwhelmingly lyrical little masterpiece (yes, I said "masterpiece"), *The General*—while Arnold Zweig follows up *The Case of Sergeant Grischew* with the relentlessly bitter *Liege* of Education Before Verdun.

THE Old School Tie is turned inside-out and shredded in Maurice L. Richardson's swift and riotous social satire, *The Dad Companions*. A killing story. And the tale of a Tough Guy from Chicago's South Side takes on a more-than-American significance in James T. Farrell's bulky and brilliant *Studs Lonigan*.

I was disappointed with Aldous Huxley's *Eyeless in Gaza* and J. B. Priestley's *They Walk in the City*. But both should go on your list of "Required Reading." For Mr. Huxley, in his increasing concern for unregenerate man, and Mr. Priestley, in his North of England moods, are symbolic of our day and age.

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### Tortured His Son

So Peter is a man who is well fitted to become, as he is becoming, a national hero for Stalinist Russia: the Tsar who may become one of the worthies of Bolshevism.

Only there is the other side of the picture: the Peter who was a crazy drunkard and debauchee, who loved cruelty and torture with sensual delight; who loved himself to wield the knout and the axe; who tortured his own son to death; who could pick up Mary Hamilton's head on the scaffold, kiss it passionately, fling it on the ground and order it to be preserved.

An obscene monster, this Peter. Peter the Monster makes, however, little enough appearance in Alexei Tolstol's *Peter the Great*. Only once or twice do we have a glimpse of the torturer; and then of a man half-reluctantly doing some stern unavoidable thing.

Instead, we have the Peter who prefers the workers to the nobles, the Peter who honours the men who "built a water-driven sawmill from a German model without foreign craftsmen"; the Peter who furiously denounces shoddy cloth; the Peter who wants to "shoe, clothe and arm regiments and give Charles what he deserves."



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If you don't want to cut your dress, stitch on two straps instead of the slots.

Wear an emerald green scarf with a black dress, a plum scarf with a blue dress, a sky blue scarf with a brown dress.

## TEST ANSWERS

### The Duchess's Diamond

The note to Maria obviously contains a code. The clue to the code is the opening phrase, the last three. Taking the last three letters of each sentence, this is what Playfair read:

You will find . . . what is wanted . . . covered with filth . . . on the shelf . . . in the kitchen. As Playfair remarks, it is just as well to have one's wits about one!

### Week-end Problems

#### PROBLEM I

CYRIL'S JOURNEY

Cyril walked  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

#### PROBLEM II

DICE

There can be thirty different dice.

#### PROBLEM III

INTRUSIONS

- (1) Reading.
- (2) Sulphur.
- (3) Emerson.
- (4) Hyena.
- (5) Yew.

#### Current Affairs

(1)	2	(11)	4	(21)	5
(2)	5	(12)	1	(22)	3
(3)	1	(13)	3	(23)	2
(4)	3	(14)	2	(24)	4
(5)	2	(15)	5	(25)	1
(6)	4	(16)	3	(26)	2
(7)	1	(17)	2	(27)	3
(8)	2	(18)	4	(28)	5
(9)	5	(19)	1	(29)	4
(10)	4	(20)	5	(30)	1



## INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S NOTEBOOK: 11

### The Duchess's DIAMOND

"THERE are times," said Joshua Playfair to Sergeant Lumpkin, "when one needs to have one's wits about one."

"I shouldn't think," said Lumpkin, "that that could ever not have been said of you."

Ignoring the phraseology of what was evidently meant as a compliment, Playfair extracted a paper from his files. "Here's an example of what I mean, Lumpkin. This is a copy of the letter from old Riccardo to his daughter Marta, which enabled me to recover the Knarborough diamond."

"Ah, yes," said Lumpkin. "A famous case that was, I'm told, sir."

Playfair laughed. "I'll just give you the essentials of the story. The diamond, which was worth fifteen thousand, was pinched from the Duchess of Knarborough at a dinner. We'd a shrewd idea who had it—Riccardo (known as 'Lily-fingers') and there was enough evidence to arrest the old bird on suspicion. But of course he denied all knowledge of the diamond. I talked to him like an Uncle at the Yard, and then I told him I was going to search his house and he might as well save me the trouble."

"Riccardo never batted a eyelid. 'Going to my house, are you?' he said. 'Make yourself at home, Playfair, won't you? You'll find my daughter Marta there. And, by the way, you might take her a note from me.'"

"Right," I said. "But I shall

have to read it first, you know."

"Of course," said Riccardo. "Whaddya take me for?" And this, Lumpkin, is the note that he wrote out:

Scotland Yard.  
"Dear Marta,  
"The last three years I've kept free of the cops, and now here we are again. But the whole affair's a mare's nest, you will find."

"Pancake arresting me on a trumped-up charge like this! But cheer up! There'll be an inquiry, after this, into the Yard and the dolts who run it—and that clearly is what is wanted!"

"In the meantime, here I sit in the local dungeon. The chairs are uncomfortable, and the walls covered with filth."

"Give my old friend Playfair what assistance he needs. And he needs all he can get. I can tell you! By the time this case is over, he'll be definitely on the shelf."

"And send me some clothes, will you? And that volume of Proust, which you'll find on a table in the kitchen."

"Your long-suffering  
"PAPA."

"I watched Riccardo write that note, Lumpkin, and it seemed to me there was something about his performance that didn't seem quite spontaneous. And when I read the note through, it didn't ring true, either. That's why, when I got to Riccardo's house—before even I'd given the note to his bright little daughter—the first thing I did was to collect the missing diamond."

What was in the note?

## WEEK-END PROBLEMS

By Hubert Phillips

### PROBLEM I CYRIL'S JOURNEY

"To-day," said Cyril, "I did the ten miles from the station in exactly one hour and a half. I walked part of the way, and I ran the remainder. I walk at a steady 4½ miles per hour, and when I run I run just twice as fast as that."

How far did Cyril walk?

### PROBLEM II DICE

Mildred and her uncle were playing a game with dice. "I've often wondered," said Mildred, "how many different dice one could have." "Different dice?" said her uncle. "Yes, you know," said Mildred. "Different in the sense that there's a different arrangement of spots. Put it another way: how many dice could you have which, though they were the same size, colour and

material, and all spotted 1 to 6, could always be distinguished one from another?"

"Oh, that's soon worked out," said Mildred's uncle. "The answer is—"

What is the answer?

### PROBLEM III INTRUSIONS

In each of the following groups there is one "intruder"—one object, person or place that is clearly different from the others. Name the "intruders":

- (1) Chester, Durham, Exeter, Reading, Salisbury.
- (2) Aluminium, Copper, Nickel, Sulphur, Tin.
- (3) Emerson, Grant, Hoover, Lincoln, Washington.
- (4) Cheekah, Hyena, Ounce, Panther, Tiger.
- (5) Beech, Birch, Plane, Sycamore, Yew.

## Home Affairs

1.—The Socialist League has formed a united front with the I.L.P. and the Communists. The leader of the Socialist League is (1) Mr. Atlee, (2) Mr. Maxton, (3) Sir Stafford Cripps, (4) Mr. Gallacher, (5) Mr. Lansbury.

2.—Dismissals at naval dockyards have created a sensation. The responsible Minister is (1) Mr. Baldwin, (2) Sir John Simon, (3) Mr. Duff Cooper, (4) Mr. Eden, (5) Sir Samuel Hoare.

3.—The Duke of Gloucester is giving up his army career to assist in public functions. His regiment is the (1) 10th Hussars, (2) Life Guards, (3) Grenadier Guards, (4) Gloucestershire Regiment, (5) Royal Horse Guards.

4.—Parliament will, it is understood, vote some Cabinet Ministers increased salaries. At present the Prime Minister's salary is (1) £15,000, (2) £10,000, (3) £5,000, (4) £6,000 and an allowance for entertainment (5) £8,000.

5.—Post Office savings deposits at the end of 1936 totalled (1) £719,000,000, (2) £432,000,000, (3) £308,000,000, (4) £198,000,000, (5) £87,000,000.

## World Affairs

6.—Navies and armies of world Powers will draw a cordon around Spain in order to prevent the entry of volunteers and munitions. The Canary Islands will be guarded by Great Britain. The capital of the Canaries is (1) Tenerife, (2) Palma, (3) Lanzarote, (4) Santa Cruz, (5) Las Palmas.

7.—Baron von Neurath has been holding important conversations with the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg. Baron von Neurath is (1) German Foreign Minister, (2) Chairman of the Reichsbank, (3) German Ambassador to Vienna, (4) German Ambassador to Rome, (5) Chairman of the Nazi Party.

8.—Foreign warships may not use the Kiel Canal without permission. The canal connects (1) The Elbe with the Weser, (2) The North Sea with the Baltic, (3) The Oder with the Vistula, (4) The Zuyder Zee with the Ems, (5) The Rhine with the Scheldt.

## Current Affairs Test How To Do It

Five possible answers are given for each question. Prime Minister of Great Britain is (1) MacDonald, (2) Chamberlain, (3) Hailsham, (4) Baldwin, (5) Lloyd George. The number 4 (meaning Baldwin) has been placed at the right of 0 on the answer sheet. Answers on Page Ten.

## General

9.—Lord Tweedsmuir opened the Parliament at Ottawa recently. Lord Tweedsmuir is well known as the creator of (1) Raffles, (2) "Bulldog" Drummond, (3) Winnie the Pooh, (4) Father Brown, (5) General Hannay.

10.—Fierce fighting has been proceeding around Oviedo, which is the capital of (1) Old Castile, (2) Granada, (3) Catalonia, (4) Asturias, (5) Aragon.

11.—It was Mr. Lloyd George's birthday last month. He is (1) 63, (2) 68, (3) 71, (4) 74, (5) 78.

12.—"Gold Staff Officers" for the Coronation ceremony are now being nominated. Their appointments rest with the (1) Earl Marshal, (2) Dean of Westminster, (3) Speaker, (4) Archbishop of Canterbury, (5) Master of the Horse.

13.—The design of King George VI. postage stamps is being eagerly discussed. Those who are specially interested in stamps are known as (1) philatelists, (2) toxicologists, (3) philatologists, (4) lapidaries, (5) seismologists.

14.—A German destroyer is being named after Hans Lady. Lady figured in the late war as (1) an aviator, (2) spy, (3) submarine commander, (4) cavalry officer, (5) expert in trench warfare.

15.—An International Regatta, to commemorate the Coronation is to be held in the latter part of June. The venue is (1) Cowes, (2) Falmouth, (3) Falmouth, (4) Milford Haven, (5) Torbay.

16.—Particularly humid weather has been experienced in Hongkong during the past week, the humidity reaching (1) 98 per cent, (2) 87 per cent, (3) 100 per cent, (4) 94 per cent, (5) 97 per cent.

17.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is to lecture at London University. He has been (1) President of the U.S.A., (2) Governor-General of the Philippines, (3) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, (4) Secretary of State, (5) Governor of New York.

18.—Recently we celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Lord Byron.

## Arts and Books

19.—Mr. Harold Samuel, the pianist, is dead. He was famous as an interpreter of (1) Bach, (2) Tchaikowsky, (3) Chopin, (4) Brahms, (5) Beethoven.

20.—A pictorialisation of Lewis Sinclair's "Dodsworth" is coming to Hongkong shortly. The principal role will be played by (1) Norma Shearer, (2) Gladys Swarthout, (3) Mary Brian, (4) Grete Garbo, (5) Ruth Chatterton.

21.—A famous London theatre about to be rebuilt is (1) Globe, (2) Haymarket, (3) Criterion, (4) St. James's, (5) Prince of Wales.

22.—"Balalaika" is a triumph of production. The producer is (1) C. B. Cochran, (2) Tyrone Guthrie, (3) Leonline Sagan, (4) Athole Stewart, (5) Noel Coward.

23.—"Madame Butterfly" has been revived at Sadler's Wells. The scene of the opera is laid in (1) Honolulu, (2) Japan, (3) Tilipiu, (4) Barataria, (5) Paris.

24.—Denana Durbin, a new star, has made a remarkable hit in "Three Smart Girls", which had its second screening at a major theatre in Hongkong this week. This star is

aged (1) 21; (2) 18; (3) 16; (4) 13; (5) 17.

25.—Emil Ludwig has written the life story of a river. The river is the (1) Nile, (2) Thames, (3) Euphrates, (4) Seine, (5) Ganges.

26.—"Famine" is the new novel by (1) Phyllis Bentley, (2) Liam O'Flaherty, (3) Daphne Du Maurier, (4) Pearl Buck, (5) Arthur Calder-Marshall.

## Sport

27.—The annual races were held in Hongkong this week. Winner of the 1937 Derby was (1) Havoc Eve; (2) Thunder Bay; (3) Happy Eve; (4) Rob Roy; (5) Expansion Time.

28.—The final test match started in Melbourne yesterday. In the fourth test at Adelaide (1) England won by an innings and 28 runs; (2) Australia won by 91 runs; (3) England won by 178 runs; (4) England won by 257 runs; (5) Australia won by 148 runs.

29.—At snooker a record break of 151 ("unofficial") has been made by (1) S. Smith, (2) W. Smith, (3) Newman, (4) H. Lindrum, (5) Davis.

30.—Up to date, 30 test matches have been played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Two have been drawn and Australia has won (1) 16; (2) 14; (3) 12; (4) 11; (5) 9.

## SCORE SHEET

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SCORE:

## Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,—You must have liked last week's Competition, to judge from the large number of entries which have reached me. I can tell you that it was quite a job looking through all the efforts and carefully going through each one. There were very few wrong entries this time, so that, once again, age and neatness were the chief factors in deciding the winners.

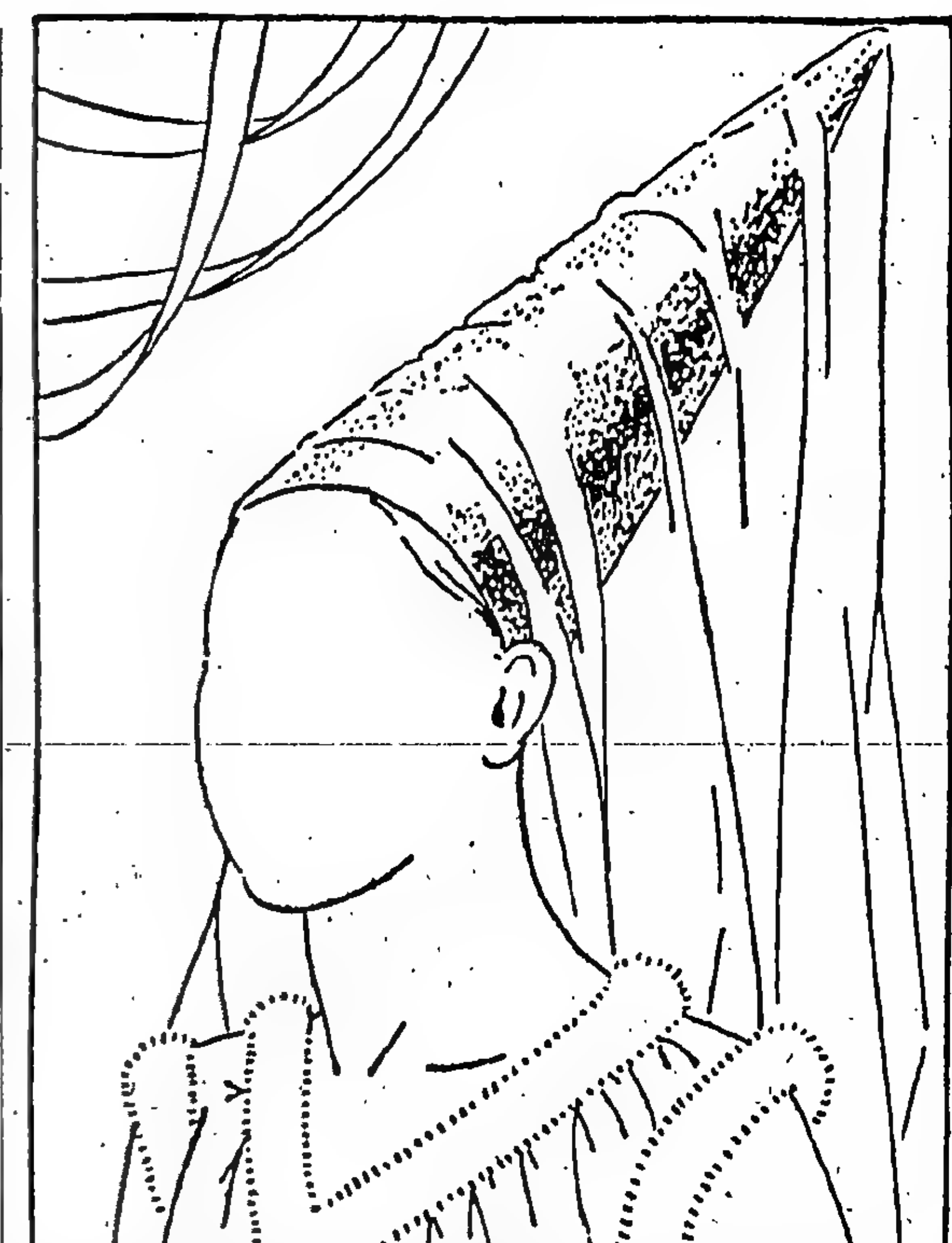
After a lot of time and thought, I have come to the conclusion that the Senior award should go to Jacqueline Matthews (aged 11), 289 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

The Junior prize is won by June Martin (aged 7), 36 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

Will the winners call at the "Telegraph" Office for their prizes?

Specially commended for neat work are the following Seniors:—Peggy Barton, Mimi da Rosa, Frankie Hughes, Betty Wadmore, Cyril Griffith, Audrey Barton, Margie Xavier, William Barker, Christopher Kingsbury, Helene Ozorio, Aurea Marques, Ada Sulland, Bonnie Thompson, Charles W. Foster, Margaret Choo, Ada Foster, Ho Shuk-chun, Yvonne Shaw, Olivia E. Botelho, Peggy Prince, Margaret Macfarlane, Hazel Slater, Doreen Stephens, Irene Mann; and the following Juniors:—William P. McMahon, Mola Patry, Jacqueline Brown, Dudley McMahon, Freda Stephens, Ronald Cameron, Marlam Curreen, George Hudson, Anthony Cuthbert, Jean Drennan, Mary Fitzgerald.

Now, children, here's another Competition which I am sure you will all like. The sketch shows a picture of a girl in fancy dress. What you have to do is to draw in her features and then colour the completed sketch with your paints or crayons. There will be two prizes—one for those from 10 to 14 years, and the other for those under 10.



Send your entries, not forgetting to mention your age, to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," so as to reach him not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Who'll win the prizes this time, I wonder? Lots of love, kiddles.

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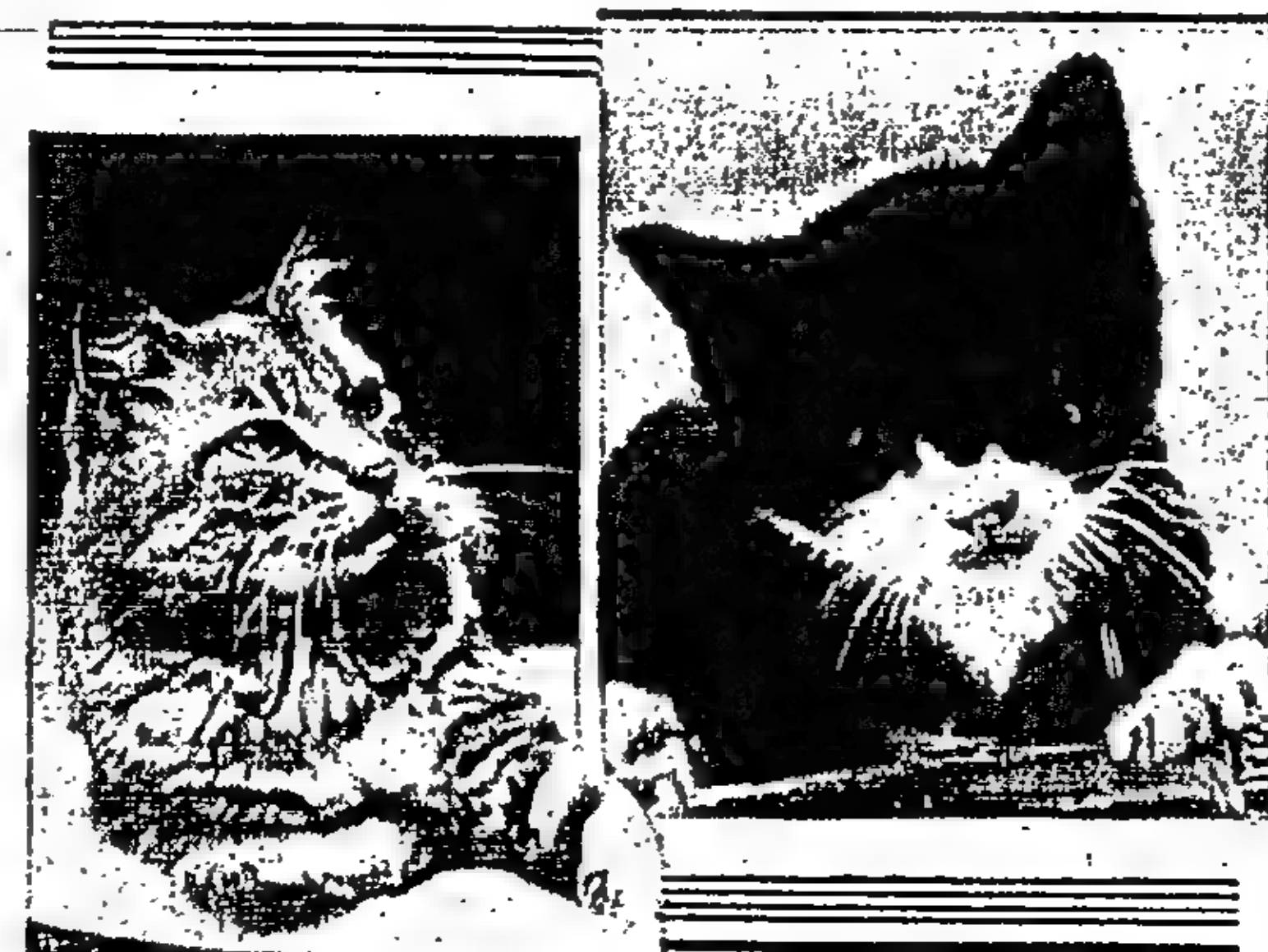
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It is natural for an amateur photographer, according to his tastes and interests, to become intrigued with one kind of picture-subject: animals, machinery, trees, skyscrapers, wild life, marine views, and what not. The result, often, is that he finds himself pursuing a fascinating hobby within a hobby—searching for and photographing interesting types of his favorite picture subject.

One of the most enjoyable and challenging of one-subject hobbies is making portraits of cats. You soon learn that the mature cat is an animal of many expressions, and that he rarely fails to reward you with an interesting one. You discover, also, that cats have individuality, even those of the same breed. Consequently, in making cat portraits you obtain a variety of distinctive studies.

Sometimes—and this is the challenging part of cat photography—you need something more than photographic skill to be successful. When it comes to posing for the camera, the feline is often a perverse creature. Dogs beyond the puppy stage are generally obedient, but, to keep a cat in front of the lens, it is usually necessary to entertain him. Even then, Thomas is likely to "take a walk" out of the viewfinder, with complete indifference to what you say to him or about him. He has a mind of his own. Hence, there will be times when you will need Christian patience and an assistant to recover

the cat. Especially outdoors, when Thomas is in a lively mood, you may find that the best you can get is 9/10 backyard and 1/10 cat. On the other hand, Thomas loves to lie in the sun, especially after a good meal, and then, usually, you find him a most tractable model.

Inside the house the chances are always good because here a cat is generally quieter and disappearing acts can be prevented. Here, too, you can more easily arrange a contrasting background. The surest way to catch a pose is to use a flash bulb. Floodlight lamps seem to cause most cats to lie down and bask. Cats, however, being inquisitive, like to look out of windows for long periods, giving you a chance to creep up on them and snap a good picture by daylight.

A most useful "accessory" before the fact for cat pictures is a portrait attachment over your regular lens permitting close-ups within arm's length. But, if you do not use a portrait attachment, be sure your focus is correct so that the image of the cat will be quite sharp. Then you can mask out the surrounding part of the negative to obtain a big image enlargement as in the pictures shown above.

Remember that the typical physical characteristics of cats are their whiskers and the liquid gleam in their eyes. The one needs a contrasting background; the other, it must be confessed, needs luck with the light reflections. If you succeed in revealing both, you are a good cat photographer.

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These men wage constant warfare on crime in Hongkong. They are the officers of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Police Force. The group was taken in honour of Chief Detective Inspector Shannon, who is shortly leaving the Colony. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Mr. A. Steven and Miss Joan Leppard were married last week at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, when the above group was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).



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# ABOVE MALAYA'S CLOUDLAND

## A Flight In A Royal Air Force Machine

### PENANG - ISLAND REMINISCENT OF STATELY HONGKONG

By Lt.-Col. E. R. Macpherson  
(in the Royal Army Ordinance Corps Gazette)

Lt. Col. E. R. Macpherson, O.B.E., F.R.S.A., F.R.C.S., the author of the article below, is on a visit to Hongkong, and has kindly given the "Telegraph" permission to reproduce his work.

The author is Assistant Director of Ordnance Services in the Malaya Command, and leaves Hongkong to-day on return to Singapore.

THE MALAYAN COMMAND is very air-minded and all Officers are bidden to make use of every opportunity to fly and study the country from the air. So when I received an urgent request to visit the Burma Rifles at Taiping, the R.A.F. most obligingly placed a machine at my disposal.

The start was scheduled for sunrise, and the motor drive of 17 miles to the Seletar Aerodrome through the cool forests of rubber trees at 6 a.m. was most refreshing. I arrived just in time to don my pneumatic jacket with parachute harness, and I was allotted the centre cockpit of the "Vildebeest" Bomber. There was no seat and only just room to stand, but I managed to balance myself precariously on the upturned end of my suit-case. The huge "Pegasus" 600 h.p. engine was ticking over pleasantly. The Pilot was the Squadron Leader and one of their star turns. The wireless operator was in the rear cockpit.

Alongside us, and also waiting for the down, was the new Monoplane-type of Imperial Airways Linc, waiting to take off for Karachi. We gave way to her, and soon her four engines boom out, lifting the 12 tons gracefully into the morning sky. She disappears over the Johore jungle, which appears over the Johore jungle, as a matter of course. It is now our turn, and the clocks are pulled away from the wheels, the D-cylinder engine roars, and we shoot up like a projectile into the fast warming tropical air.

#### SUNRISE AT 2,000 FEET

The engine makes short work of our four tons (we are travelling "light"—as no luggage is carried) and soon we have the magnificent spectacle of sunrise over the Johore Straits at 2,000 feet. After a few more turns to gain height, the pilot sets his course in a northerly direction for Malacca at 4,000 feet. The famous Johore Causeway, which links Singapore with the mainland, stretches beneath us like a taut bow-string. It is interesting to note that it took nearly a hundred years of British occupation of Malaya before this essential causeway was built. It carries both rail and motor road. We see the famous ridge of Gunung Pantu (2,000 feet) and I am reminded of my recent climb on foot of this hill, through unbroken forests, innumerable leeches and other pests (we spent 13 hours on this climb, and now I am serenely looking on it after 13 minutes flying!).

On this hill the most wonderful orchids are found, and it is a jealously guarded forest reserve. On our left are two saucers of jade, the new reservoirs at Pulai, which supply Singapore with such excellent water. On our right lies one of the most marvellous big-game countries in the world, controlled by the Sultan of Johore. Tiger, elephant, rhino, and seladang, all abound in this reserve. The tigers still exact their toll of human life, and in Johore State alone over sixty rubber "tappers" were taken during the past year.

#### LONELY SENTINEL

We soon discover Malacca on the port side, with Mount Ophir (4,000 feet) acting as a lonely sentinel to this very picturesque Portuguese colony of the early 16th century. The Dutch captured it in 1641 and finally it surrendered to the British Fleet in 1795. It still, however, retains its old Dutch atmosphere and is well worth a visit.

Our sister machine parts company with us to take some photos, and we now shape our course for Kuala Lumpur. The pilot increases height to 9,000 feet, and the temperature reads 50 degs. F., a drop of 30 degs. Sandwiches and hot coffee are welcome, and for the first time in many months my nose and finger-tips feel cold! The attractive little town of Seremban flashes beneath us. It is the capital of Negri Sembilan and from the air it looks like a Garden City.

Soon Kuala Lumpur rises up, and we make the characteristic R.A.F. dive down to its well-ordered aerodrome, followed by a sharp turn to starboard, a "zoom-up" and another circle round, when our wheels make contact. A flourishing civilian flying club exists here, with all the latest machines including Hornet Moths, etc. We take in petrol, as we have consumed nearly 70 gallons in the two hours flight of 220 miles. Soon we are in the air again (our sister machine having rejoined us) and we head for Penang. The famous iron mines lie below, and one 600 feet deep, like an open amphitheatre terraced from top to bottom, gapes at us. The whole

country side has been mutilated by tin mining. Huge dredgers muck out the soil, extract the tin and spue out the refuse. The result is, that square miles of country are reminiscent of the shell-stricken areas of Flanders.

#### A SHUDDER

During the trip, my pilot regaled me with entertaining messages, scribbled on a pad. North of Kuala Lumpur I received one: "The famous Selangor jungle is ahead—we will start it!" I took over and see miles of what looks like tightly-packed moss, of billiard-cloth green. In reality, it consists of trees 120 feet high wedged together, all set in a swamp. I shudder as I think of what a forced landing here would mean, and I quickly remember all the tales I have read of jungle escapes and forced landings. But our Pegasus engine bravely carries on, without a falter.

Soon the sea appears again, and we leave the Peninsula at Port Buntar for Penang Island, crossing some twenty miles of sea. Penang Aerodrome lies at the south end of the island, ten miles from its capital, George Town. We make a perfect landing on the tarmac surface, having covered the 400 miles in about four hours. Here also is another flourishing flying club with a large membership. The rapid growth of aviation in Malaya is in no small measure due to the example and encouragement given by its Director of Civil Aviation, the Hon. Major R. L. Nunn, D.S.O., a pilot of no mean ability. Malaya is the cheapest place to learn to fly in, as if you are keen and alert, you can learn to fly for less than £6 at any of the flying clubs.

#### BEAUTIFUL PENANG

Our pilot having discharged his errand, soon took off for the return journey to Taiping. We circle over the beautiful island of Penang, nearly 3,000 feet high, and it reminded me strongly of Hongkong with its sharp hog-back ridges, covered with sparse vegetation. The houses clinging precariously to the steep slopes. In view of the re-focussing of our Far Eastern policy, Penang is beginning to have a new significance in the Imperial scheme. It is interesting to note that Penang was the first British Settlement in Malaya, having been ceded to the East India Company by the Rajah of Kedah in 1786.

The fifty odd miles to Taiping is soon covered and though only a small town it possesses a splendid new aerodrome. The town itself is one of the most picturesque in Malaya. The streets are shaded by rows of the famous Angkor trees, which at regular intervals burst forth into a riot of blossoms, even more yellow than those of the laburnum. These blossoms are rained down like golden snow upon the streets, providing a natural carpet fit for a Sultan, for yellow is the royal colour in the East. Lying in the once tiny water-filled gullies (old tin mines) have been converted into limpid lakes, amid gardens and pretty lawns.

Behind Taiping towers a range of hills 5,000 feet high, on which are perched attractive week-end bungalows. The finest swimming pool in Malaya is found here. A fifty-foot cascade in the foot hills is trapped into a pool set in the most enchanting surrounding, and the Swimming Club there forms the focus for all the local European society.

Having discharged our military duties, we take-off in the late afternoon for Kuala Lumpur, where we spend the night. On the way down we pass the Cameron Highlands on our port side. These attractive uplands (nearly 8,000 feet) are bidding to be the Simla of Malaya. The temperature there often drops to 42 degs. F. and military training camps and sanatoria are envisaged in the not distant future.

#### CASH FOR HEADS

"K.L." (as Kuala Lumpur is known in Malaya) is the administrative capital of the Federated Malay States, and is a very busy town full of various races with a population of nearly 90,000. It is hard to realise, when we view this beautiful town lying in the heart of the rubber and tin country, that it is a result of Indo-Saracenic influence, that as recently as 1872 the "Captain China" paid cash down for the heads of his enemies in the market place of the then two-streets Chinese town. The phenomenal growth of rubber and coffee estates in this district have been the main causes of the rapid rise and growth of this Malayan Metropolis.

We spent the night in a comfortable modern Hotel with excellent cuisine. Next morning we commenced the last lap of our homeward journey, to Singapore, which we did in exactly two hours. On the way back we ran

### EMDEN'S VISIT TO SHANGHAI



One of the colourful ceremonies which occurred in Shanghai in connection with the arrival of the German cruiser Emden is illustrated in the above photographs showing the guard of honour which welcomed Captain W. Lohmann when he called to pay his respects to Mr. H. E. Arnold, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council. Captain Lohmann is seen with Colonel F. R. W. Graham, Commanding Officer of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, at top, while below Lieutenant-Colonel Hermann Kriebel, the German Consul-General, is seen inspecting the guard.

## Love-Lorn Hollywood Writer Is Monk In Tibet

Hollywood, Feb. 15.  
GARRETT FORT, highly-paid Hollywood scenario-writer, and favourite dinner party guest, is a monk in Tibet, where "everything he once held dear—fame, fortune, the earthly pleasures of the flesh—seem empty compared with the exalted meditation achieved in this haven of infinite silence."

## CLARK GABLE NEVER IN ENGLAND

Hollywood, Feb. 15.  
EVIDENCE is being brought forward here to show that Mr. Clark Gable—alleged by an Englishwoman now under arrest to have lived with her in England—has never been in Great Britain.

Mrs. Violet Wells Norton is in Los Angeles gaoled on a charge of fraud after declaring that the film actor is the father of her child aged 13.

Clark Gable's former wife, Miss Josephine Dillon, has produced a theatre programme showing that he was billed in Portland, Oregon, as William Cable at the material time.

A grand jury to-day moved an indictment against Mrs. Norton, and two associates—Mr. J. L. Smith, a private detective, and Mr. J. J. Kiernan, a boarding-house proprietor.

Into some heavy rain clouds at 6,000 feet, which were exceedingly uncomfortable. The machine bumped and shuddered as it was superimposed by the pilot. It was like being dragged in a box over cobble stones! The centre of a rain cloud is just a maelstrom and is most unpleasant to fly through.

Singapore greeted us, shimmering in the tropical heat. We had a wonderful trip of over 900 miles, in a flying time of some nine hours. It would have taken me at least four or five days to have carried out this duty by road or rail, and I was pleased that our Corps was keeping itself up to date by taking advantage of this new and satisfactory method of travel.

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## Havoc By Dingoes In Australia

### SERIOUS MENACE TO STOCK-BREEDERS

Dingoes—Australian wild dogs—are killing so many sheep and attacking young cattle so persistently in the hill country on the Victoria-New South Wales border that stock-breeders are gravely concerned at the position.

In the Cooma district of New South Wales alone dingoes are stated to have killed more than 1,000 sheep belonging to one breeder.

#### MAULING STEERS

Cattle-men who hold leases on Kosinko, state that the dog menace has grown to an extent hitherto unknown. The dogs nowadays attack and maul yearling steers.

Owing to the heavy losses caused by wild dogs in the snow leas, a number of lessees were forced to bring in their sheep soon after having sent them out last season.

Fears are expressed that the leases will be abandoned, and that, apart from loss of revenue to the Government, they would then be a breeding-ground for wild dogs.

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1.40 Variety and Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Light Orchestral Selections.

Neapolitan Melodies—Medley; "From Foreign Lands"—Suite (Moszkowski); Hungarian March Potpourri (Pecsi-Prichystal); "La Belle Helene"—Selection (Offenbach).

7.30 p.m. Hongkong Stock Exchange Summary and Exchange Market Report.

7.33 A Light Saxophon Recital by Howard Jacobs.

1. I love the moon (Rubens); 2. From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadmian); 3. At dawn (Cadmian); 4. Down in the forest (Sir Landon Ronald).

7.45 From the Studio. A Recital of Ballads by J. McNaught Thomson (baritone).

1. Cargoes... Coningsby Clarke; 2. Sombre Woods (Bois Epais)... J. Michael Dyack; 3. Where the Abana flows... Woodforde Finden; 4. For you alone... H. E. Gheel; 5. Far and high the cranes give cry—Korbo.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 A Variety Programme. Vocal—Wandering shoes... The Hill Billies; Instrumental—Medley of Stephen Foster Songs... The Brothers Bertini; Vocal—Outside of you; Lonely Gondolier... Dick Powell; Accordion Band—Accordeon Nights—Medley... Gerald and His Accordeon Band; Humorous—Scientificity, of course... Murgatroyd.

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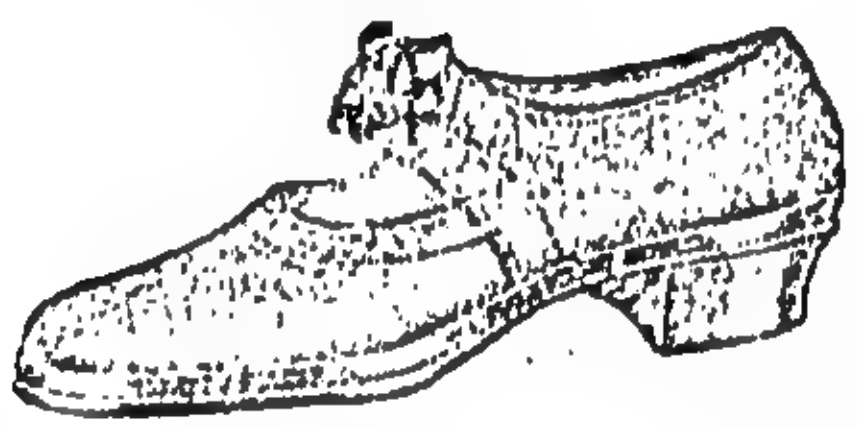
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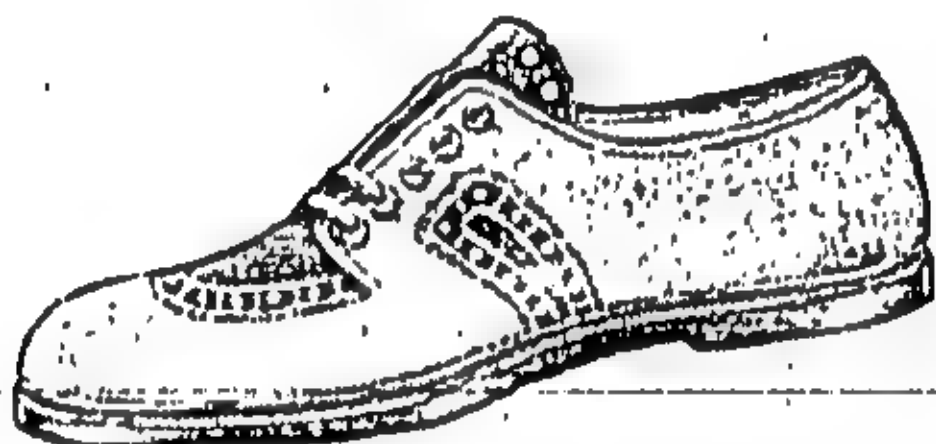
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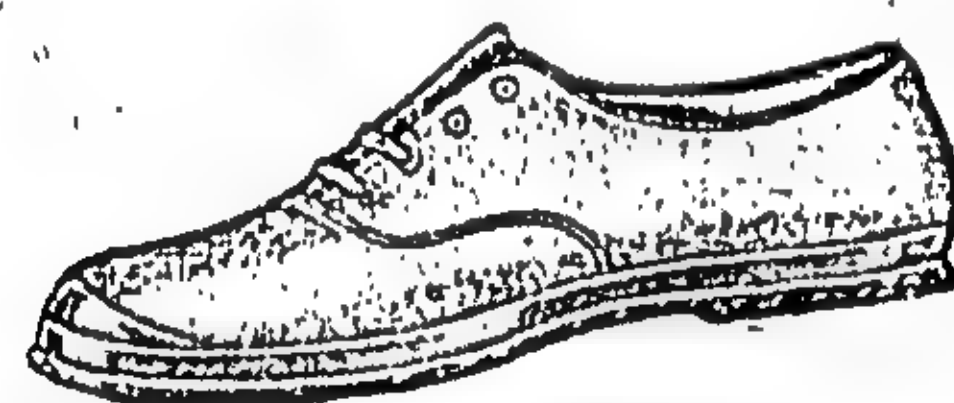
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## "For 12 Years My Life Has Been A Hell"

—SAYS FORMER H.K. RESIDENT

MRS. FLORENCE MAUD ROBINSON, wife of the central figure in a famous Mr. "A" case in London in 1926, has returned to England from the United States.

Before going to America, Mrs. Robinson was a resident in Hongkong. She was here for six months before continuing her travels, said she was happy here until the news got round that she was Mrs. Robinson. "So I had to pack up and go to avoid publicity," she said in London.

Ever since the famous Mr. "A" case ended, said Mrs. Robinson, she has been forced to travel.

Besides Hongkong, she lived in France, Germany, Australia, Bermuda, Japan and America.

"Everywhere, however, I was found out," she said. "The 12 years of my life have been hell."

"Now I am home in Britain—my own country—I have definitely finished with roaming. All I ask is to be allowed to settle down and not have people pointing me out as the Mrs. Robinson—you remember the case."

"I have lost all my money, and, to be perfectly frank with you, I feel 'smashed'."

"When I was in New York I was very ill with pneumonia. I have never really recovered from that illness—I feel like an old crock. Now I am home, I am going to rest and get my strength back."

ON ELLIS ISLAND

"What happened to you at Ellis Island. There was some trouble about your permit, was there not?" she was asked.

"Yes, that is true," she replied. "It was all a mistake. I thought that my permit allowed me to stay a year in the United States. Apparently I could stay only 60 days."

"As a result of this I had to spend a fortnight in Ellis Island."

"Now I suppose I must start life all over again—broke and very weary. But I shall find something. There is one thing I would like to make quite clear. I have not seen anyone connected with the case since it ended, except my husband."

PLOT ALLEGED

The Mr. "A" case was in November, 1924. Mr. Charles E. Robinson made a claim against the Midland Bank concerning two cheques for £150,000 signed by a Mr. "A", who subsequently was revealed as an Indian prince.

The bank alleged that there was a plot to trap Mr. "A" with Mrs. Robinson, and won the case.

Mr. Robinson is at present in Jersey City prison awaiting extradition to South Carolina, where he will face a charge of violating the Federal Stolen Properties Act.

## Shell As She Used A Bed-warmer

FOR years Mrs. M. Jones, aged 73, of Newhall, Ashley-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, has used a 16-pounder shell as a bed-warmer.

A war relic, it had brought her nightly warmth since she required it after the Armistice.

Although it was complete to look at, the careful donor had removed the powder.

Despite its emptiness, Mrs. Jones had never made it more than "just warm."

But when she was taken ill she asked a neighbour, Mrs. Broad, to heat the shell for her.

Mrs. Broad put it in her oven. A few minutes later there was a terrific explosion.

The oven door was blown across the room and much damage was done.

Luckily, Mrs. Broad had just gone out of the room and so escaped injury.

The explanation of the explosion was that the air inside the empty shell expanded and blew the cap off.

## 2 PEOPLE TO A SQUARE MILE

## 12,000 TO A SQUARE MILE

AUSTRALIA, with a population of 6,789,139, has an area of 3,000,000 square miles.

Greater London, with a population of 3,250,000, has an area of 693 square miles.

These figures illustrate an Empire contrast.

The Australian total of population estimated by Dr. Roland Wilson, the Commonwealth statistician, shows an increase of 30,025 in nine months.

The total is made up of 3,408,403 males and 3,380,770 females.

Tasmania was the only State to show a decrease in population. This was attributed to migration.

## DON'T LIVE WITH YOUR "IN-LAWS"

MARRYING PARSON'S  
ADVICE

New York, Feb. 15.

Marry young and don't live with your in-laws is the formula given by the "Marrying Parson" of the Church of the Strangers—a bachelor who has performed 800 wedding ceremonies and made most of them stick by his unique follow-up method.

The Rev. Paul Mansfield Spencer has just finished his yearly lecture at the "Bride and groom" ceremony—an annual gathering of persons whom he has married in the old little church on West 57th Street. Divorces are so rare among his followers that he had to dig back into dog-eared books to find what he calls "a tragedy."

Two hundred persons attended this year, and there came letters from all over the country and Canada saying little things like "Sorry we can't make it this year" and "The baby is teething" and "Business is keeping us here." Nevertheless, it was a jolly occasion with everybody having sandwiches, coffee and cake. Spencer had married everybody in the room—ushers, organists, choir singers and those who just came to visit.

Spencer philosophized on marriage and explained his technique.

"It is hard to lay down general rules about successful marriage, but I will try," he said.

"Don't marry until you have enough money to live comfortably. Love has got to have something green to live on."

"Have your own home if it's only one room. Under no circumstances should young people live with their in-laws."

"Marry young if you can afford it, because that allows you to adjust your lives to each other before it's too late."

Spencer writes an average of 40 letters a week, to persons whom he has married, advising them on financial matters, family quarrels and the set-up of the home. His mail is heavy and sometimes people travel to New York especially to consult him. Once a woman came in and put a gun on his desk, explaining that she was afraid for her husband to keep it. Spencer gave the gun back to the man.

The Church of the Strangers is like no other church in the world. It belongs to no denomination and its primary purpose is to welcome lonely people to New York. It was founded during the Civil war as a place where Southerners—then ostracized in the north—could meet, have social affairs and worship. Its doors are always open and Spencer spends much of his time talking with strangers. Asked why he had never married himself, Spencer replied: "I am too busy marrying nice girls to other people."—United Press.

## FREDDIE MAY GO TO OXFORD

## Or Maybe Cambridge; He Has Not Decided

Freddie Bartholomew, twelve-year-old British film star, may go to Oxford or Cambridge.

University days are still five or six years away for him, but he is making preparations.

His aunt, Miss Millicent Bartholomew, revealed that Freddie has already written to Oxford and Cambridge and three American universities, asking them for particulars of qualification.

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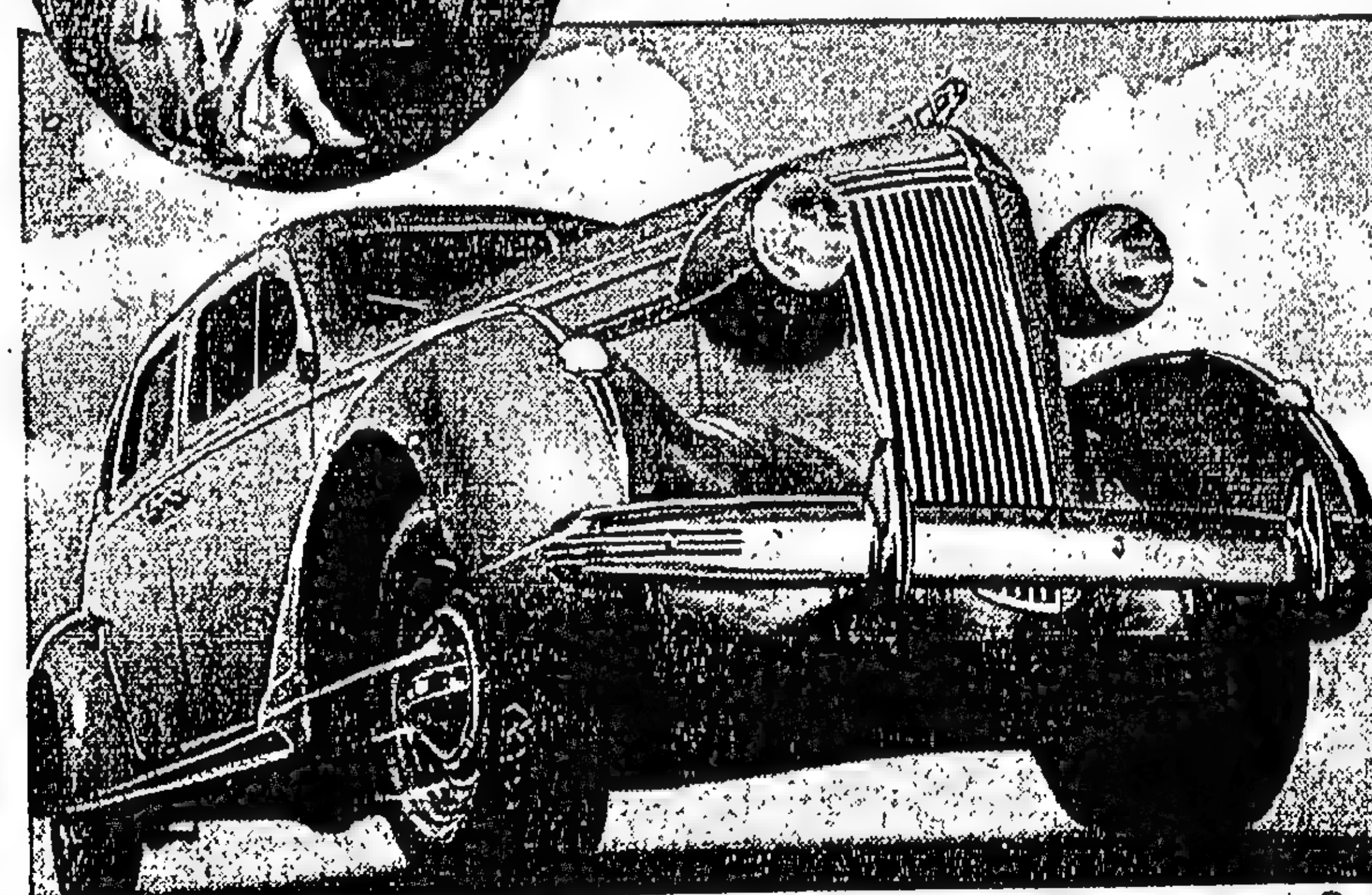


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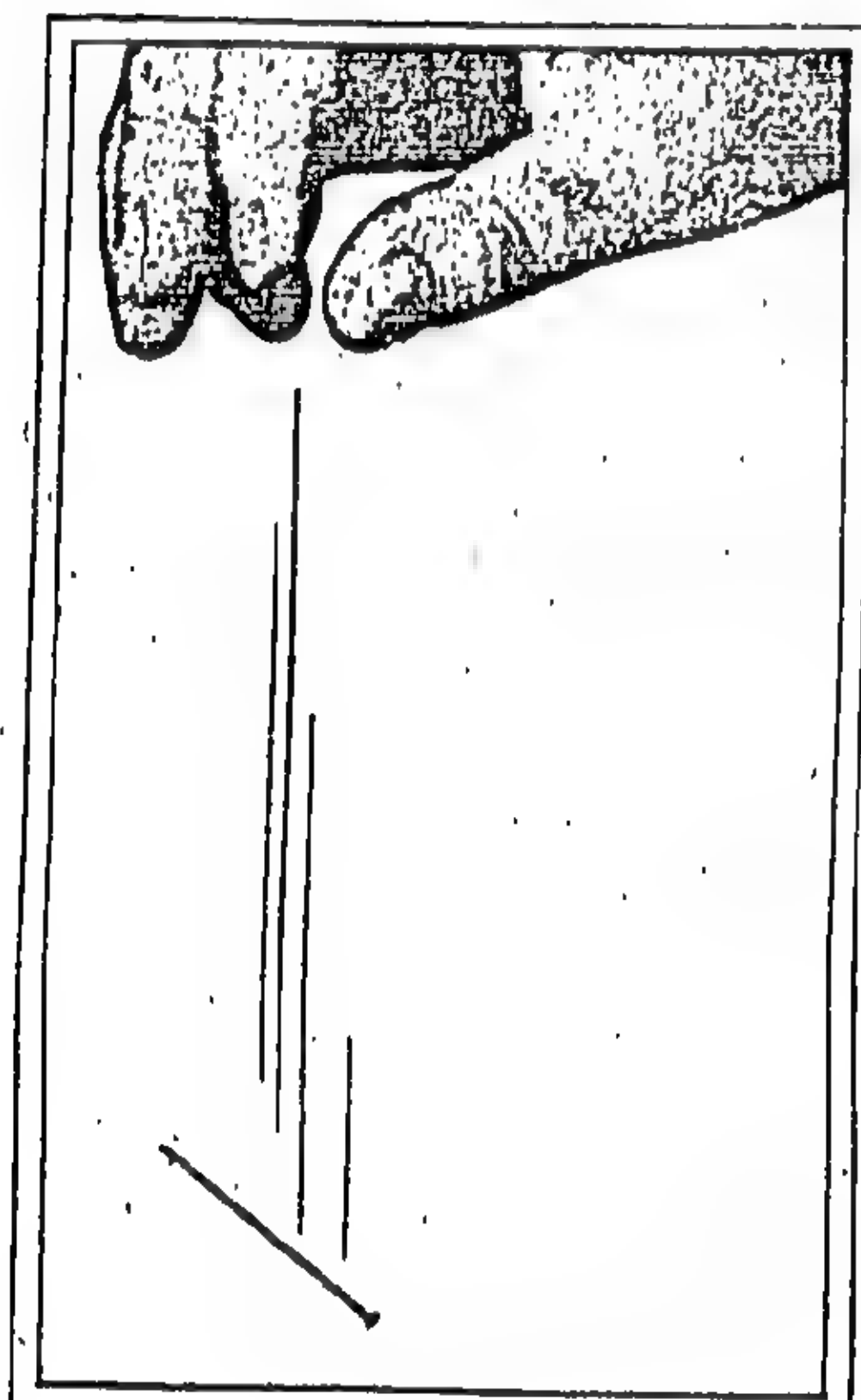
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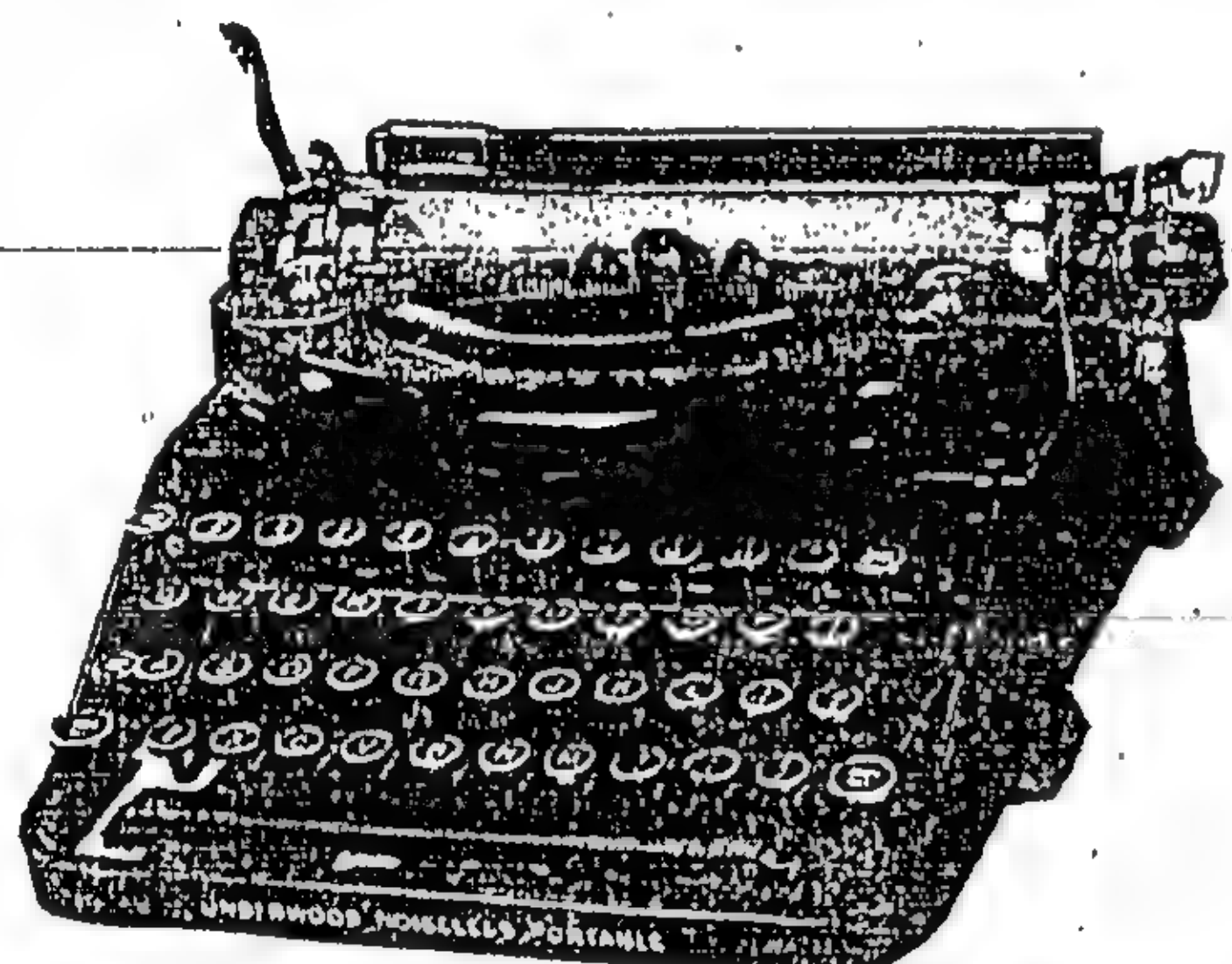


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### CHAPTER 2

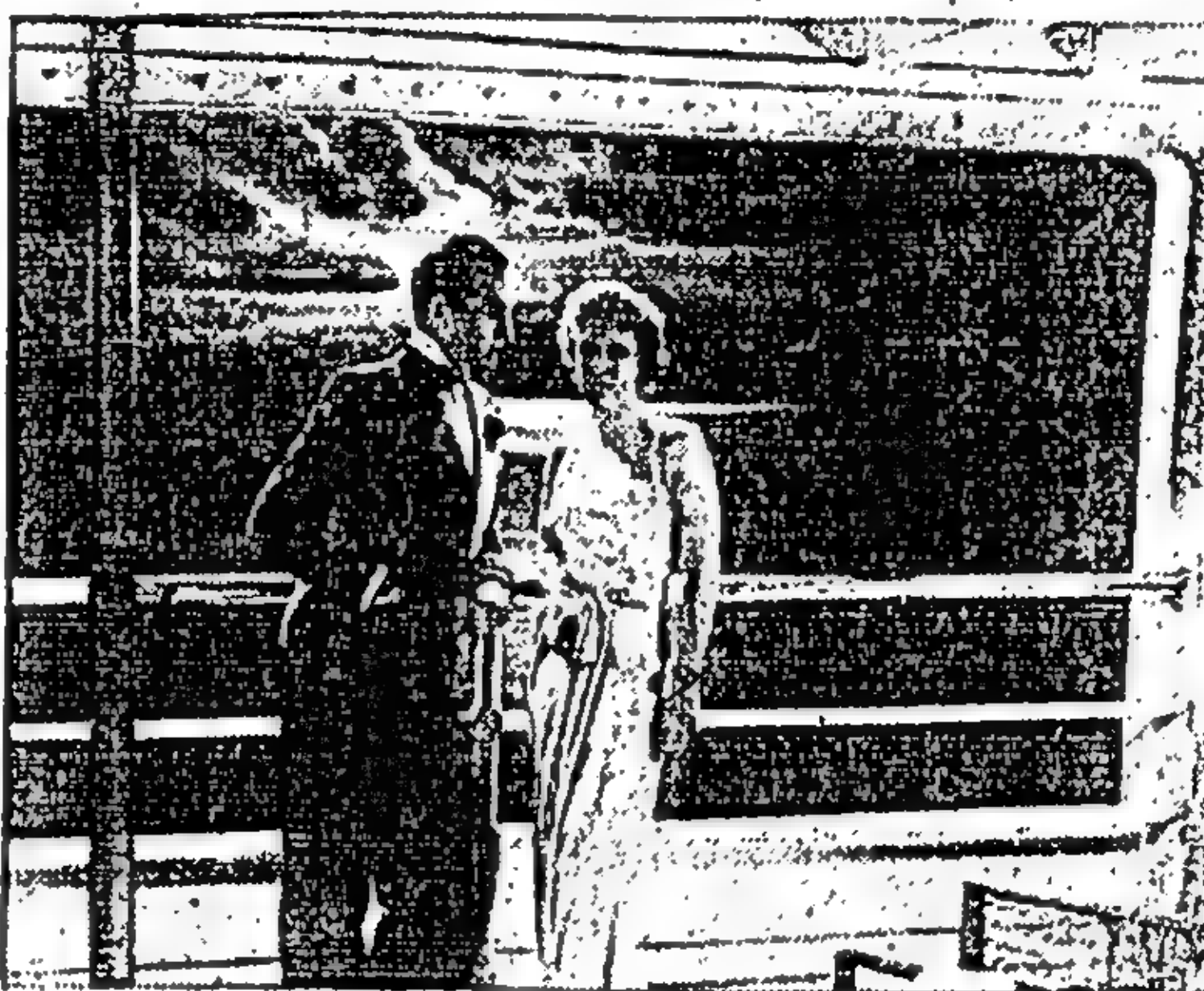
Sam's interest increased with each day of the journey. While Fran made friends with an attractive Englishman, Major Lockert, an urban man

wheels go around, aboard ship and in the world. Or else he was on the forward deck, peering eagerly into space, like a Columbus in reverse, for first sights of the old country.

The affair between Fran and Lockert had, therefore, progressed marvellously—up to a certain point. And then the Englishman had actually insulted her. Yes, Fran insisted, he had insulted her. He had kissed her shoulder!

Major Lockert was in turn offended. "You're taking a wickedly unfair advantage of me!" he cried. "I thought I was doing what was expected of me."

Fran was scandalized. "What I expected of you?" "There's a tradition about this sort of thing," Major Lockert insisted. "I thought I was doing what was expected of me."



The flirtation between Fran and Lockert progressed marvellously—up to a point.

of-the-world, Dodsworth found fruitful acquaintances in the engine-room, and would spend hours admiring the giant turbines and the polished, intricate mechanism—akin to his plant in Zenith.

"Makes me wish I'd built ships instead of automobiles," he yelled above the din to his friend, the Chief Engineer.

The Chief grinned. "Well, if you had," he shouted back, "I'd hate to see the ocean on a Sunday afternoon."

Even pleasant prospects were in store for Dodsworth, helping him rounder which he wished so desperately to believe that he had made a wise decision in giving up his business.

All his life he had dreamed of some day seeing England, the home of his forefathers, the land of Shakespeare and Dickens, the country of Oliver Twist and Sherlock Holmes, the countryside beyond dreams. England! Mother England! And each day brought his dream closer to reality. With incredible speed, the huge ship swept the waters, bringing the British shore nearer and nearer.

The first of Dodsworth's great disappointments came on the last day of the voyage when he rushed to Fran, filled with exuberance. He had just sighted Bishop's light, behind which lay England!

He found Fran in tears. What she had intended as a mild flirtation with the attractive Major Lockert had ended in disaster. It had all been wonderfully enjoyable up to a certain point. Dodsworth was rarely around to disturb them, being occupied mainly in the engine room, where he conformed angrily and professionally with the Chief Engineer on what made the

Major Lockert smiled. "For a civilized woman who's been married as long as you have, you're making a good deal of a small matter."

He intended this to anger Fran, and it did.

"It isn't a small matter with me!" she shouted furiously.

"I offer you my most abject apologies," said Lockert.

He also offered her some excellent advice—advice that sent her into the sea with rage. The manner in which the advice was given was even more offensive to her than the advice itself. He treated her as if she were a silly schoolgirl.

"Oh, up starting things you aren't prepared to finish," he admonished.

"You think you're a woman of the world. You're nothing of the sort. Why, any modern school girl would know how to handle herself better than you do."

There was more of this nature. The upshot was that Dodsworth found his wife in tears.

The more she tried to explain, the more bewildered Dodsworth found himself, and the more helpless.

"Suppose it's up to me to go out and shoot him!" he said, trying feebly to make a jest of it. "I would feel like a fool. And anyway, it's your own fault for flirting with him. You must have given him some excuse."

This led to more tears, and bitter words that required smoothing out. Finally, when peace had been established, came the bombshell.

"Don't let's go to England," Fran pleaded. "I can't go to England where that man is—laughing at me!"

And so the Dodsworths went to France instead.

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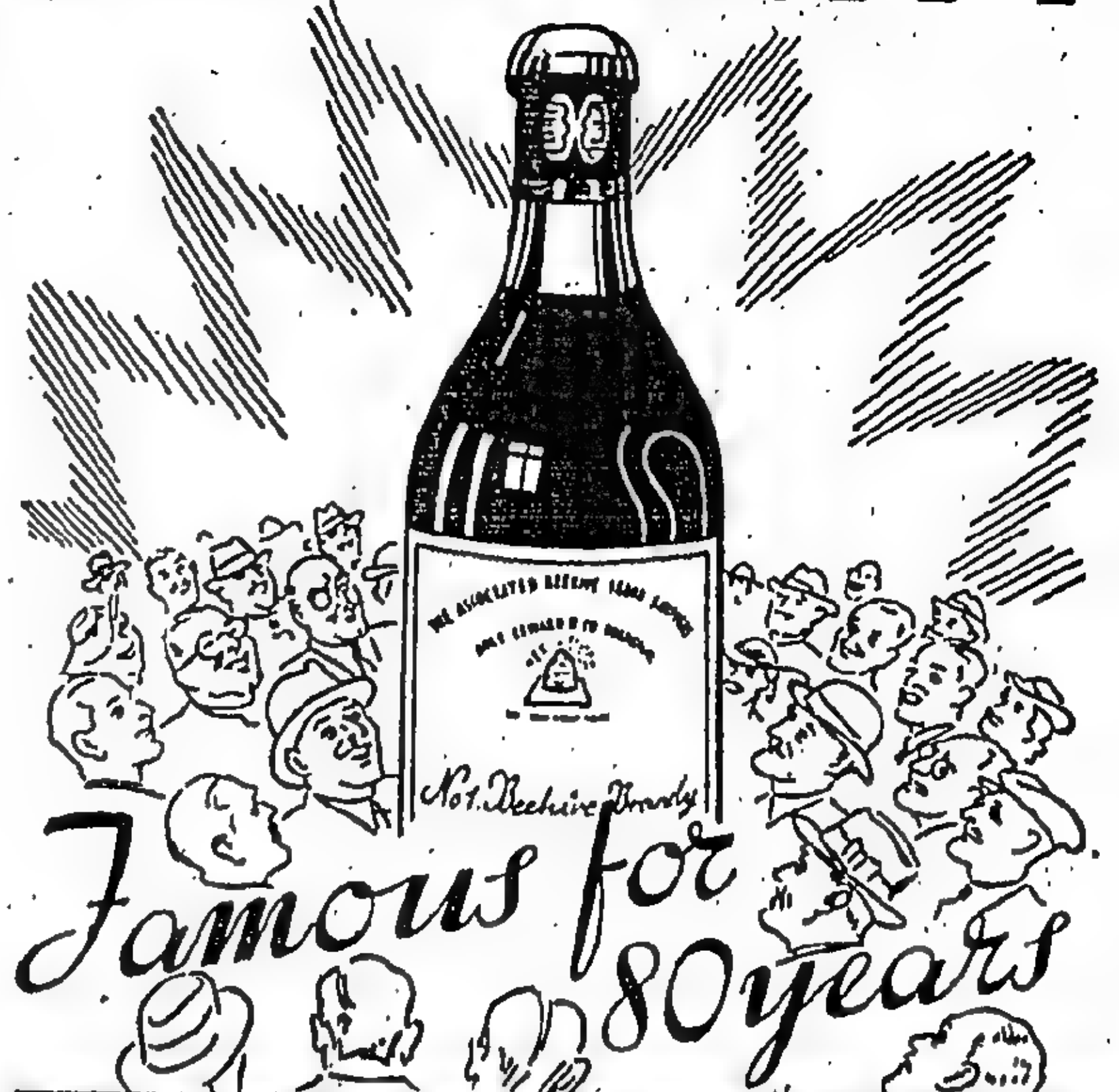
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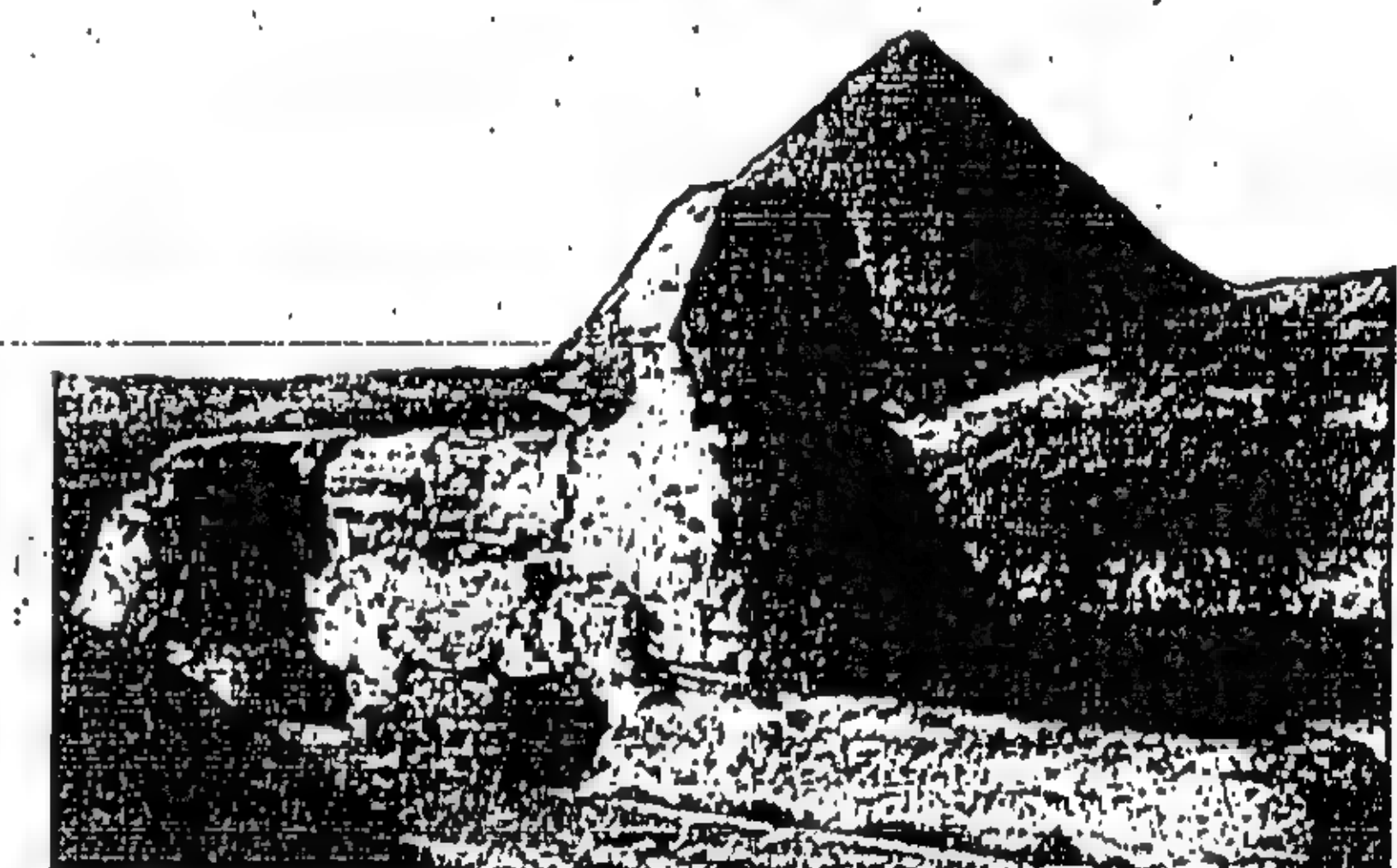
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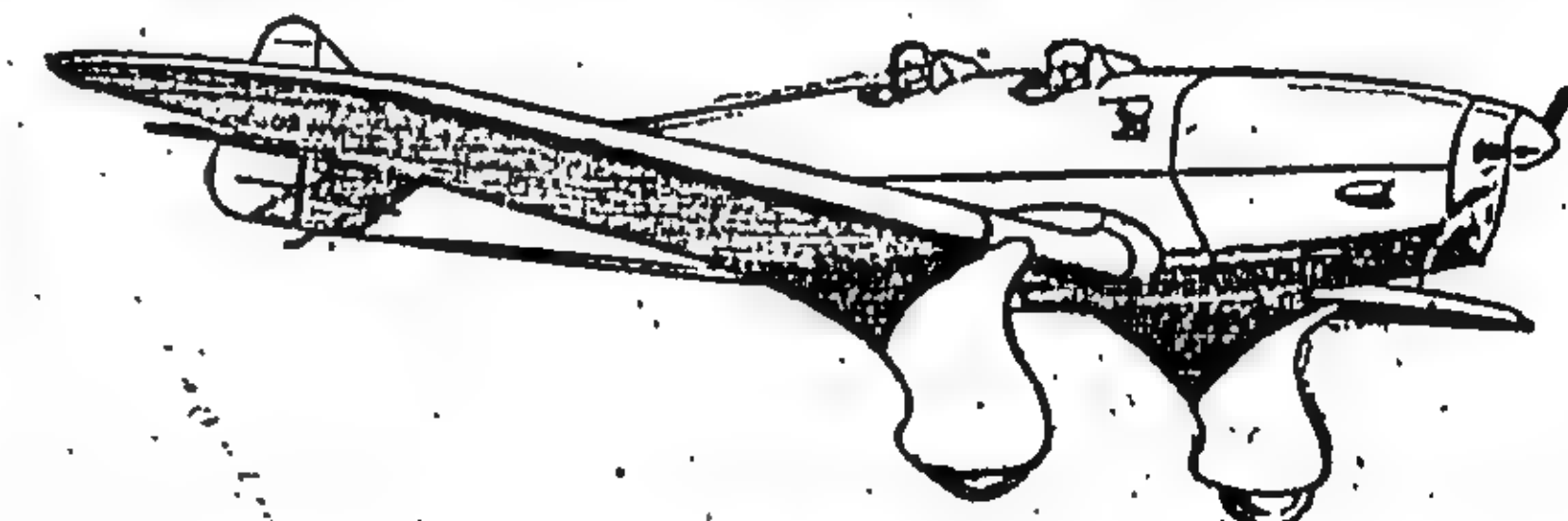
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# RIFLES CHANCE OF MAKING CHAMPIONSHIP SAFE

## NEED TO BEAT SEAFORTHS TO-DAY

### INTERPORT SOCCER SCHEDULE

(By "Veritas")

The evening of Hongkong's 1936-37 football season is approaching, and there is small room to doubt that at least the first division league championship will have been decided by the end of March. Ulster Rifles appear to have passed their chief obstacles, though to-day they face a task which will test them to the full. If they survive, they have only matches with the Fusiliers and South China "B" to worry about.

This afternoon their opponents are the Seaforth Highlanders, and it will be surprising if this match does not produce some of the most exciting and spectacular football of the entire season.

The Highlanders have now become one of the most feared teams in the first division. They have done extraordinarily well in the short time they have been here, portending a brilliant season to come.

Rifles are worthy leaders of the first division, but though boasting an infinitely more impressive league record than the Seaforths, have only the slightest edge over their Scottish opponents. If anything I favour a division of points to-day.

Rifles will be doubly anxious to win because it looks as though South China "A" and "B" must cut each other's throats. They clash this afternoon and whether one or the other wins, or a draw results, Rifles will benefit so long as they can garner two points from the Seaforths.

#### LOOK GOOD FOR TITLE

Looked at from every angle, the Rifles strike one as being in a particularly strong position for the championship.

Navy's troubles of team-raising will be at an end after this week, but so far as their game against Club to-day is concerned, appearances suggest a couple of points for the civilians.

Recreo will at last have an opportunity of seeing how Carlos Remedios the Shanghai Interpreter fits in with their ideas. They are at home to Eastern and I expect to see the Portuguese lads win.

Kowloon, the surprise team of the New Year meet the Police, and one hesitates to make a definite prophecy concerning the result. If anything I feel one must regard Kowloon's chances of winning as being the

stronger, but a draw is the most likely outcome. Navy, South China "A" and South China "B" all play a second match over the week-end on Sunday. Navy oppose Chinese Athletic and may pull off a win on the Causeway Day enclosure. South China "A" should beat Kowloon Chinese, who seem to

### "CUBBY" ALLEN'S BLACK DAY



G. O. B. Allen, the English Test captain, who was right out of luck yesterday when the fifth Test started, losing the toss, and then dropping Fingleton and McCabe after they had scored, but a few runs. McCabe went on to contribute 112.

have fallen by the wayside, while South China "B" look good for points against St. Joseph's, despite the latter's exceptionally smart showing against the Rifles last week.

### Scottish Hockey Players Needed

Lieut. R. D. MacLagon, the Seaforth Highlanders, Murray Barracks, will be glad if hockey players, who are qualified for Scotland in the local International Tournament, would kindly submit their names to him as early as possible.

### K.C.C. CELEBRATE WINNING OF THE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

#### FINE TEAM SPIRIT

The very fine team spirit which had prevailed throughout the season was stressed in speeches by Mr. Ezra Abraham, Mr. Arthur Dand, Mr. Frank Goodwin and Mr. W. Mulcahy last evening when the K.C.C. celebrated the winning of the second division cricket championship and the presentation of the trophy and mementoes. Mr. Abraham, vice-President of the Club presided over a cheery gathering, and in handing the shield to Mr. Dand, the second eleven captain, offered the sincere congratulations of the club to him and his team upon their success. He was safe, he said, in observing that a very fine team spirit had been shown by all of the players during the season, and this, together with Mr. Dand's good captaincy, had brought the championship to the club.

#### NO. 11 HAS'NT BATTED!

Mr. Dand, in acknowledging the trophy to the players as a whole, saying that the secret of their success lay in the fact that they were a TEAM. It was noteworthy that as yet this season they had not had to call on their No. 11 man to bat, yet everybody had played his part in the team's victories.

Life commended particularly the capable work of Mr. Mulcahy as deputy captain when he (the speaker) was incapacitated and could not play in some of the games. He knew he was voicing the feelings of the whole of the second eleven when he said that they only thing they regretted was that the first eleven was not also celebrating the winning of the senior championship, and the thing they hoped for next year was a dual celebration. They noted with satisfaction that two or three of the junior members of the club had displayed most promising form and that augured well for the future of the K.C.C. in local cricket.

Mr. Frank Goodwin, captain of the first eleven, in congratulating the second team on their achievement, pointed out that if any indication were needed of the fact that the side had played together with a real team spirit it was to be found in the fact that to date this season the team had played twelve matches, won seven, drawn five and lost none. These were most creditable figures.

#### ALL DID SOMETHING

Mr. W. Mulcahy spoke briefly and said that although it was true that they had not called upon their No. 11 to bat during the season, it was equally true to say that at one time or another every member of the team had played an important part in the matches.

Mr. Ezra Abraham then distributed memento silver shields to the members of the team, which he had himself kindly donated.

## CLUB CRICKETERS WILL CONTINUE WITH THE NEW L. B. W. RULE

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

If there is anything wrong with cricket, it does not apply to Saturday afternoon club cricket—which, surely, is the backbone of the game.

At the annual meeting of the Club Cricket Conference in London Mr. E. A. C. Thomson, indefatigable secretary, will report a membership of 1,200 clubs.

In the early days of the conference a mere handful of clubs paid subscriptions—and it has to be remembered that the present membership of 1,200 is mainly confined to the south.

When one reflects on the vast number of amateur clubs in the Midlands and north, and others in the south who are outside the conference, it is plain that a great army plays the grand old game.

The gates at these week-end games are confined to fathers, sweethearts, wives, and friends of the players. The game, and only that, counts, and they are all very conservative about it.

When the M.C.C. brought in higher and wider stump club cricketers went on the defensive and there was

a great controversy. They opposed the bigger stumps as a useless innovation, but were finally won over.

They objected also to the subsequent alteration to the l.b.w. rule, saying there was no point in it as far as their matches were concerned.

Last summer, however, they agreed to experiment at the request of the M.C.C. and at the close of the campaign the conference asked their clubs to vote on the new rule.

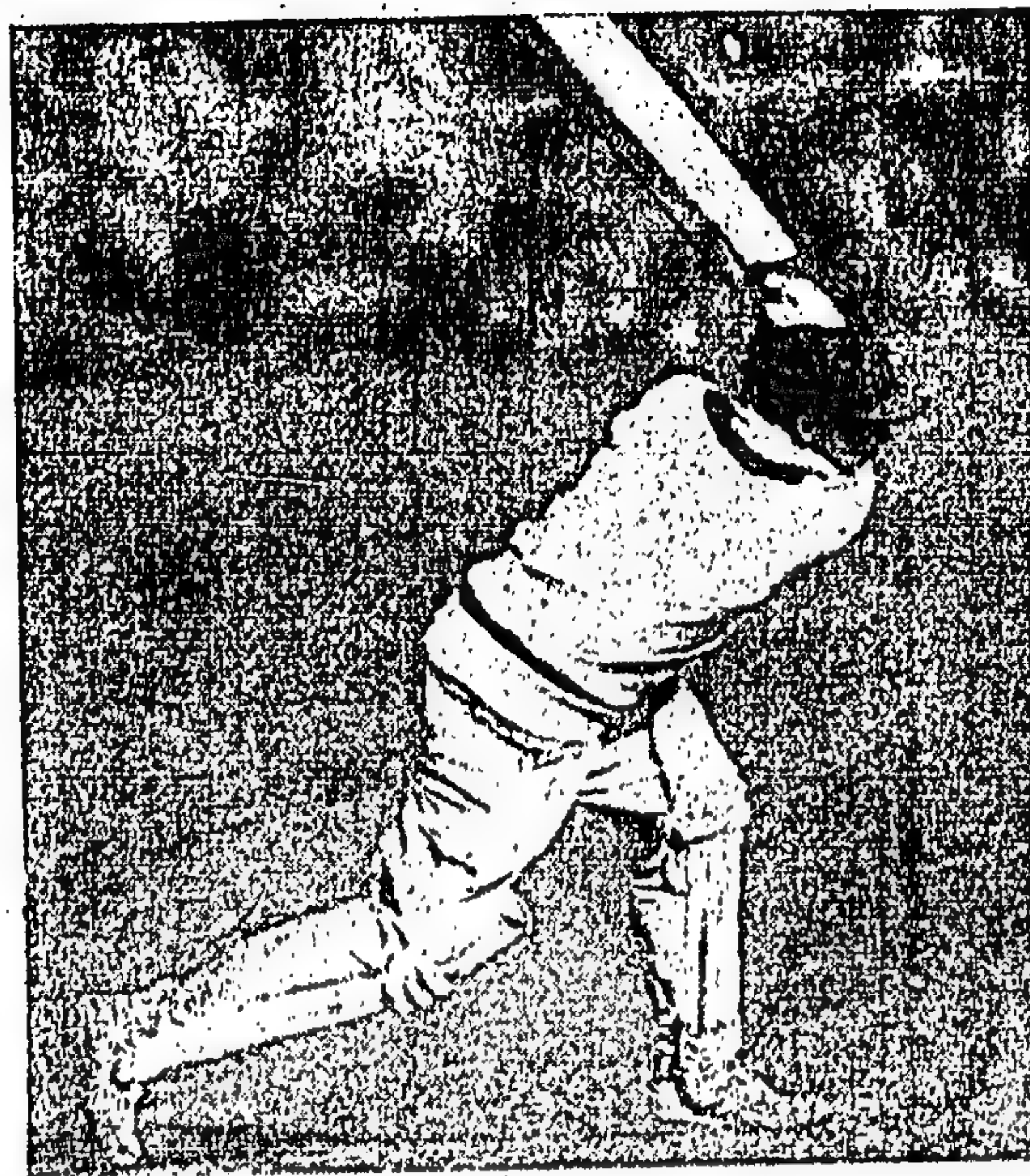
What they think is best shown by the fact that of the 1,200 clubs only 344 bothered to give their opinion. Of these, 246 were in favour.

Really, the altered law has made scarcely any difference to club cricket. So the average club cricketer said at first, "We don't want it."

Now, after a season's experiment, he finds himself so little affected that he does not mind much whether the new rule operates or not.

A broad view has been taken, and as the alteration is clearly of benefit to county cricket, the amateur clubman seems prepared for it to become a permanent cricket law. At any rate, it has been decided to continue with the experiment next summer.

### HE BREAKS ANY BOWLER'S HEART!



Characteristic study of Don Bradman, that amazing batsman, who yesterday scored 165, for Australia in the fifth Test, and remained unbeaten.

### Schoolboys Football League

## SPLENDID MATCH INAUGURATES TOURNEY

### FINE WIN FOR C.B.S.

A magnificent display by both teams provided a fitting opening to the Schoolboys' Football League yesterday afternoon when Central British School and the Royal Welch Fusiliers Boys met in this competition on the former's ground.

Played in a splendid sporting spirit, the match, won by the Central British School by the odd goal in three, was a delightful example of clever, clean soccer. At times the standard of play reached a very high level, and never did the game lose its interest and even excitement for the spectators.

Central British won worthily, though full credit must be given to the Fusiliers lads for their brave endeavour to force a draw. They had one big chance in the first half when they were awarded a penalty, but Jeffrey, who gave a very smooth and efficient display of goalkeeping for the schoolboys, saved in handsome style.

The winners were notably served by Jeffrey in goal, and the centre-half brothers, W. K. Pryde and centre-forward while W. G. Pryde at centre-forward was the most dangerous rider on view and obtained the winners' second point.

If this same type of football is going to feature the rest of the games the Schoolboys' League is assured of a very successful future, and will become one of the most important football competitions in the Colony.

### Guy's Hospital Cup Rugby Win

London, Feb. 26. Playing in the London Hospitals Cup rugby competition to-day, Guy's Hospital defeated Charing Cross Hospital by 16 points to eight.—*Reuter.*

## BAN ON HEAVY NIBLICK GOLF SHOT MADE TOO EASY

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

(Daily Telegraph) Golf Correspondent

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club proposes to ban the use of the heavy type of niblick known variously as the "sand-wedge," "blaster," and "howitzer."

An announcement to this effect will, I understand, shortly be made from St. Andrews.

This particular type of club, first invented in America, has become extremely popular amongst every class of golfer, because it produces extraordinary results without the exercise of much skill, or effort.

For this reason, and because it typifies the case against a player "buying a shot over the counter," the club is to be made illegal.

The "sand wedge," weighing between 20 and 24 ounces, derives its name from a huge flange of metal on the sole of the club.

#### LIMIT ON THICKNESS OF SOLE

It is used for recovery shots from bunkers and bad lies in the rough. The flange slides along the surface of the sand, and the ball jumps up automatically.

The Royal and Ancient specification will, it is understood, make a club illegal which has a sole more than 1/2 in thick and a front edge that does not lie flush with the ground. With some of the round-soled "sand wedges" it is possible to insert a lead pencil between the front edge and the turf.

Many thousands of these clubs have been sold at prices ranging from a guinea to 30s each. All will come under the official ban.

## I Am Not Packing Up, Says Petersen

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

"I took a hiding from Walter Neusel, who was too tough for me, but I am not packing up," Jack Petersen told me before he left London for his home in Cardiff.

"I fought my very hardest, but Neusel's strength was greater than mine, and I know now that I cannot beat him. But there are others for me to fight."

Petersen did not name "the others," but stated that he would be returning to the ring soon.

Neusel is having a short holiday in Paris, but before he went Len Harvey offered to meet him for a £1,000 side-stake.

Neusel retorted that the match was "on." If Harvey made it £2,000, two years ago Harvey fought a 12-rounds draw with Neusel at Wembley.

## 1st Div. Cricket Championship Nearing Climax

### IMPORTANT MATCH NEXT WEEK

(By "Veritas")

THE second division cricket championship is already settled (so much so that, as you will find elsewhere in these columns, the K.C.C. celebrated the event last night), but teams do not get to grips again for the senior division title until next Saturday, so that there is little news of vital interest in the local cricket world at the moment.

Probably the most important league encounter of the season will be staged on March 6, when Club and I.R.C. meet on the former's ground.

The position is that a win outright for the Indians gives them the championship. A win for the Club will give them a lead of one point with both teams to play a match. If I.R.C. should draw their last game with K.C.C., Club can also afford to draw with Craigengower, but if I.R.C. should beat K.C.C. Club must also beat Craigengower.

It is an interestingly speculative position, and it looks as though a mighty exciting finish to the league season is in store.

Club will be given some good practice today when they visit K.C.C. for a friendly match. In the League, the Club won somewhat unexpectedly; nay a little sensationally, for after Holden had been knocked all over the place in his first two overs, he carried on and skilted out the rest of the mainline side.

Holden will be given a severer test to-day on the K.C.C. wicket which rarely offers much advantage to bowlers, and if he can meet with anything like the same success, there will be no question as to the possibilities of this young player as a future Interporter.

The Indians are without a game, and the only other first division fixture is that between Civil Service and Craigengower—also a friendly. Civil Service may well win this as they have shown consistently improved form this season.

In the junior section, three friendly engagements are on tap. Club will have a chance of taking revenge for the league debacle when they receive K.C.C., who may not be at full strength.

#### GOOD FOR THE SCHOOLS

Central British School are hosts to Civil Service, and the Government Servants need not expect a walk-over. C.B.S. can turn out one of the smartest school teams seen for a long time in the Colony. The Indian contingent, Queen's College, another very fine school XI.

Incidentally it is very pleasant and encouraging to see the school teams given the opportunity of playing against the various clubs in the

Colony. It provides excellent experience for the boys, particularly their bowlers, who have a chance of coming against capable batsmen.

The Volunteers played three very successful matches during Race week and did well to win two. I was sorry to discover that I had completely missed reference to Holden's hat-trick against the Club, but the cause was that owing to stress of other work I could not remain on the ground to watch the Volunteers' innings and I had no idea that Holden had bowled with such success.

It can be fairly described as Holden's match, for the young man came to the rescue of the Club in their knock and put together a very good 62, following this up with his hat-trick.

I saw Souza bowl in two of the games and thought he sent down some uncommonly good stuff, though he was inclined to be overworked. But he is a player of distinct promise, and that century of his against the K.C.C. was an admirable piece of work.

#### BADMINTON

## Free Lances Lose Again To Varsity

### FIXTURES NEARLY COMPLETED

Free Lances, playing their last but one mixed doubles match of the season last evening, lost a second time to the University, the final score being 6-3.

It was a closely contested match, all of the games being keenly played, but once again the Free Lances found the court difficult and played below form accordingly.

J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths did well to win two sets, while Mrs. Shute and her son Warwick secured the other.

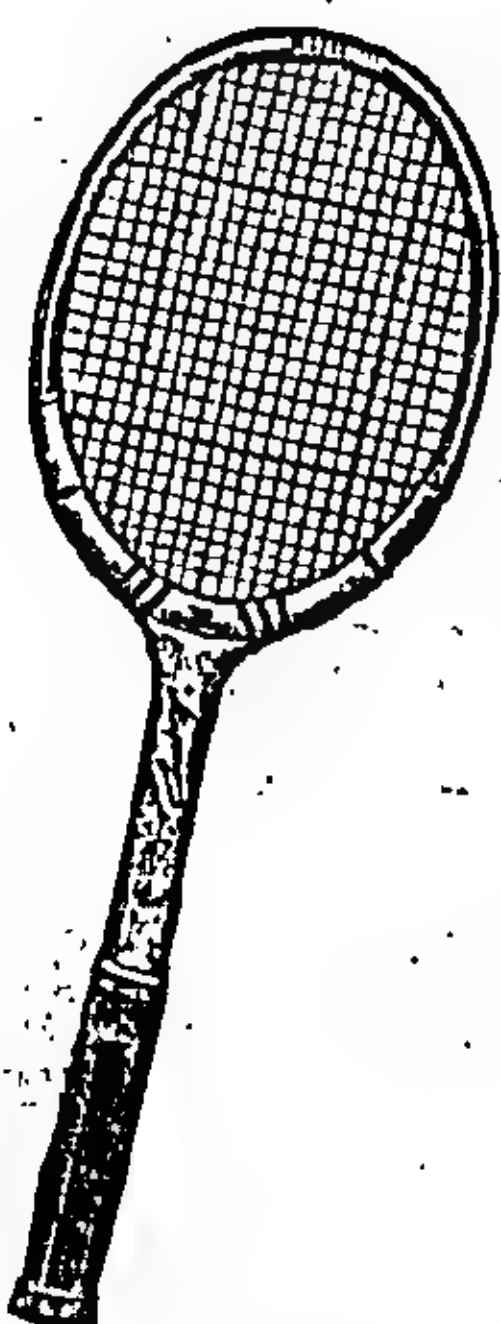
The loss of this match may well cost Free Lances the runners-up position in the mixed doubles league. The present standings are as follows.

#### LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreo "A" .....	8	8	0	65	7	16
Free Lances .....	11	6	5	53	12	
Recreo "B" .....	9	5	4	31	10	
C.B.C. ....	5	3	2	28	17	6
University .....	6	3	3	22	6	
Kowloon Tong .....	9	2	7	23	67	4
St. John's .....	10	2	8	23	67	4

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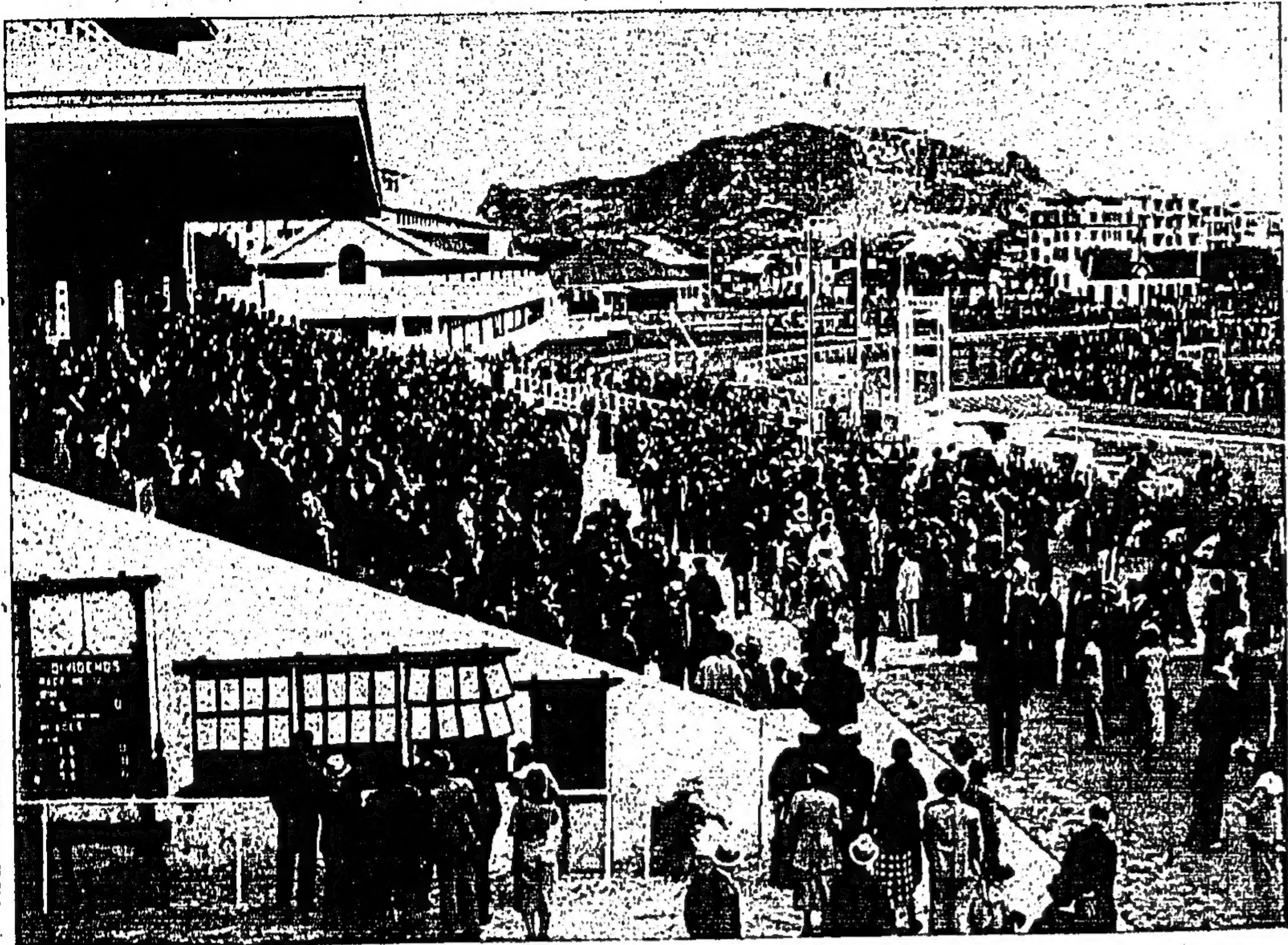
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## HAPPY VALLEY WILL LOOK LIKE THIS TO-DAY



This afternoon brings about the close of Hongkong's annual race meeting, and doubtless this scene, which was typical of the first four days, will be reproduced. This excellent picture, showing the vast crowds which are attracted to the Happy Valley racetrack during the Annual Carnival, was taken by our staff photographer on Derby Day.

## Interport Hockey Trial Team Chosen

An Interport hockey trial match, to select a team to represent Hongkong against Macao, will be played on the Club ground at King's Park tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. The following are requested to turn out in white shirts:

Sousa (Radio); Gosano (Argonauts), Stillman (Navy); Brown (Engineers), Reed (Club), Hassan (Radio); S. Fowler (Club), Wright (Navy), P. Singh (K.I.T.C.), Wall (Police), Narain Singh or Patub Singh (Kumona); Reserves—Gonçalves (Argonauts), J. Singh (Kumona R.), Gordon (Navy), and G. Fowler (C.B.A.).

**A DRAWN MATCH**  
A drawn match was played in the Junior Section of the United Hockey Tournament yesterday between the Police Indians and I.M.S. Tamar at the Police Training School ground. The game was rather scrappy, the Tamar taking the lead in the first half through Renwick, and the Indians equalising in the second period through S. Singh.

## THE L.R.C. ANNUAL MEETING SHOWS PROGRESS

Satisfactory finances and many club improvements were reported at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Recreation Club held yesterday and presided over by Mrs. Mathieson.

The annual report presented by Mrs. M. E. Oliver, set out that 97 new members joined during the year of whom 57 were ordinary members, 30 subscribing members, seven temporary and three naval members.

The year's working had resulted in a profit of \$103.17 compared with \$91.20 the previous year. The Committee had decided that the \$2,023 expended on improvements should be spread over three years. The reserve account stood at \$3,345, fixed deposits being \$2,076.

The Chairman said the increase in members was very gratifying, and it was hoped soon to provide another surfaced tennis court. Thanks were due to Mrs. Oliver for her hard work, and they would miss her when she left soon for a holiday. The following were elected to

## All-British Hockey Team For Australia

An all-British Women's hockey team will, it is understood, visit Australia this year, to compete in the Brisbane hockey carnival, an important event in the southern hemisphere.

The occasion will be unique, says *Austral News*. An English team visited Australia in 1927, but an all-British team has never previously toured overseas.

It is notified that Lai Choi has been appointed Forest Guard in the Botanical and Forestry Department in place of Un Nun, transferred.

Richardson. The Ballot Committee Mesdames Mathieson, Martin, Barham, Hill, White, Armstrong and Richardson. The Ballot Committee was elected as follows: Mesdames Kolvin Stark, Waddell, Hyde Lay and Burslem.

## PEAK SCHOOL SPORTS

## Lady MacGregor Gives Away The Prizes

The many parents and friends who were present at the annual sports meeting of the Peak School yesterday, had a pleasant afternoon in ideal weather, watching the eager young competitors striving to gain one of the coveted ribbons. The meet was held in the grounds of "Tanderragee," 372 The Peak, the residence of His Honour the Chief Justice and Lady MacGregor, both of whom obviously enjoyed themselves. At the conclusion of the sports, Lady MacGregor presented the prizes to those who scored the highest aggregate in points.

There were two special races, one for the boys and one for the girls, for two silver cups donated by Lady MacGregor. In the boys' event, Jeremy Hargreaves and John Stanton tied for first place, whereupon Lady MacGregor very kindly said she would award another cup.

When she had distributed the prizes, two tiny pupils came forward bearing a souvenir, and presented it to her with their best courtesy. Mr. J. Bakston, Inspector of English Schools, speaking on behalf of the parents and the Board of Education, thanked those responsible for an entertaining afternoon, and especially thanked Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor for the use of their grounds. The head boy and girl of the school next called for three cheers for Lady MacGregor, and after they had been given with enthusiasm, the gathering dispersed.

Those who scored the highest aggregate in the various events were: Seniors—1, Jane Strelitz; 2, Barbara Brough; 3, Barbara Franks. Intermediates—1, Michael Harriman; 2, Ian Shaw; 3, Joy Begdon. Juniors—1, Jeremy Hargreaves; 2, John Harriman; 3, John Macmillan. Lady MacGregor's Prize—Jeremy Hargreaves and John Stanton (tie); and Madeleine Archibut.

## SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY

## Annual Tournament To Be Held Next Week

The annual Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament organised by the Hongkong Football Club in aid of Civilian, Navy and Army charities will be held next week.

There have been 21 entries and the preliminary rounds will take place on Monday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 3, commencing at 4.15 p.m. Admission on both days will be 50 cents—Service-men half price.

On Saturday, March 6, the second round will commence at 3 o'clock, leading up to two semi-finals and the final. Admission will be \$1 covered stand, 50 cents open stand. Service-men half price.

All games will be played on the Club Ground, Happy Valley. Entries have been received from the Royal Welch Fusiliers, Royal Ulster Rifles, Seaforth Highlanders, Royal Engineers, R.A.M.C. 8th Heavy Brigade, 5th A.A. Brigade, Royal Navy, Wayfong, Talkoo and the Club.

Seven-a-side rugby is definitely a fast, open and exciting game and those who come along can be assured of a good afternoon's entertainment, besides helping the cause of charity.

At the conclusion of the final, H.E. the Governor has kindly consented to present the Blarney Stone Shield to the winning team. The band of the 2nd Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers will render musical items during the course of the afternoon.

At the interval, it is intended to

## BILLIARDS LEAGUE

## RESULTS IN STEEL COULSON CONTEST.

## C.U.C.'S DEFEAT

The following are the latest results of matches in the Steel Coulson Billiards League:

C.U.C. v. Garr. Sergt's Mess. 101  
Harrow 150 O'Connor 100  
Fennel 138 Andrews 120  
Hemmedos 150 Russell 127  
Jordan 150 Smith 108  
Stanton 150 Greenway 85  
Result—C.U.C. 4; Garr. Sergt's Mess 1.

C.U.C. v. R.A. Lyemun 160  
Harrow 144 Gatnell 150  
Hemmedos 150 Peck 150  
Jordan 144 Difton 150  
Stanton 150 Finkell 100  
Fennel 150 Bloomfield 77  
Result—C.U.C. 2; R.A. Lyemun 1.

C. & P.O.'s Mess v. R.E. Mess 150  
Stanton 111 Chant 150  
Johnson 150 Staples 108  
Grant 150 Ventres 111  
King 129 Hodges 150  
Puddecombe 150 Fleming 82  
Result—C. & P.O.'s 5; R.E. Mess 2.

R.A. Lyemun v. C.U.C. 150  
Peck 51 Fennel 150  
Finkell 150 Jordan 133  
Bloomfield 150 Stanton 150  
Hilton 150 Ventres 116  
Gatnell 150 Harrow 150  
Result—R.A. Lyemun 2; C.U.C. 3.

Garr. Sergt's Mess v. C.S.C.C. 40  
Andrews 150 Millier 120  
Greenway 150 Phillips 122  
Smith 150 Grimmett 103  
O'Connor 97 Strang 150  
Hemmedos 122 McGowan 150  
Result—Garr. Sergt's Mess 3; C.S.C.C. 2.

R.W.F. v. D.R.C. 114  
Bulls 150 Marsh 114  
Grindley 150 Smith 118  
Freeman 144 Atkins 150  
Dale 150 Lewis 150  
Beard 150 Ruth 120  
Result—R.W.F. 3; D.R.C. 2.

C. & P.O.'s Mess v. D.R.C. 184  
Grant 150 Lewis 128  
Johnson 150 Atkins 128  
Puddecombe 150 Ash 142  
King 142 Ruth 150  
Stanton 150 Marsh 103  
Result—C. & P.O.'s 4; D.R.C. 1.

Garr. Sergt's Mess v. C. & P.O.'s Mess 128  
Andrews 150 Stanton 128  
Russell 150 Stanton 45  
Greenway 150 Lamey 147  
O'Connor 150 Grant 103  
Smith 150 Grimmett 100  
Result—Garr. Sergt's Mess 5; C. & P.O.'s Mess 0.

R.A. Lyemun v. R.W.F. 150  
Result—R.A. Lyemun 5; R.W.F. 0.

C. & P.O.'s Mess v. C.S.C.C. 150  
Dixon 150 Grimmett 87  
Bulls 114 Phillips 150  
Edmond 150 Phillips 103  
Grant 150 Strang 109  
Result—C. & P.O.'s Mess 2; C.S.C.C. 3.

C.S.C.C. v. R.A. Lyemun 150  
Grimmett 107 Bloomfield 150  
Russell 150 Worthington 150  
Crawley 117 Peck 150  
Hakoun 150 Finkell 113  
McGowan 150 Stanton 120  
Result—C.S.C.C. 3; R.A. Lyemun 2.

R.W.F. v. Garr. Sergt's Mess 150  
Overham 115 Smith 150  
Ruth 150 Greenway 150  
Freeman 150 Andrews 150  
Grindley 150 Russell 129  
Beard 150 O'Connor 121  
Result—R.W.F. 2; Garr. Sergt's Mess 3.

R.W.F. v. C.U.C. 117  
Bulls 150 Antonis 150  
Beard 102 Pereira 150  
Overham 116 Harrow 150  
Freeman 118 Bakston 150  
Result—R.W.F. 2; C.U.C. 3.

R.A. Lyemun v. C. & P.O.'s Mess 0  
R.E. Mess 0 Garr. Sergt's Mess 0  
O'Connor 0 R.E. Mess 0  
R.A. Lyemun 0 R.E. Mess 0

League Table

	P.	Pls.	Pts.
R.A. Lyemun	13	48	17
C.U.C.	13	46	19
Garr. Sergt's Mess	14	43	27
C.S.C.C.	12	33	27
R.W.F. Sergt's Mess	9	22	23
D.R.C.	13	22	43
R.E. Mess	13	20	45
C. & P.O.'s Mess	13	16	49
Highest break to date—Andrews (Garr. Sergt's Mess) 62.			
Matches still to be played (Home team shown first).			
R.E. Mess v. R.W.F.			
C.S.C.C. v. R.W.F.			
D.R.C. v. R.W.F.			
P.O.'s Mess v. R.W.F.			
C. & P.O.'s Mess v. C.S.C.C.			
R.W.F. v. R.A. Lyemun			

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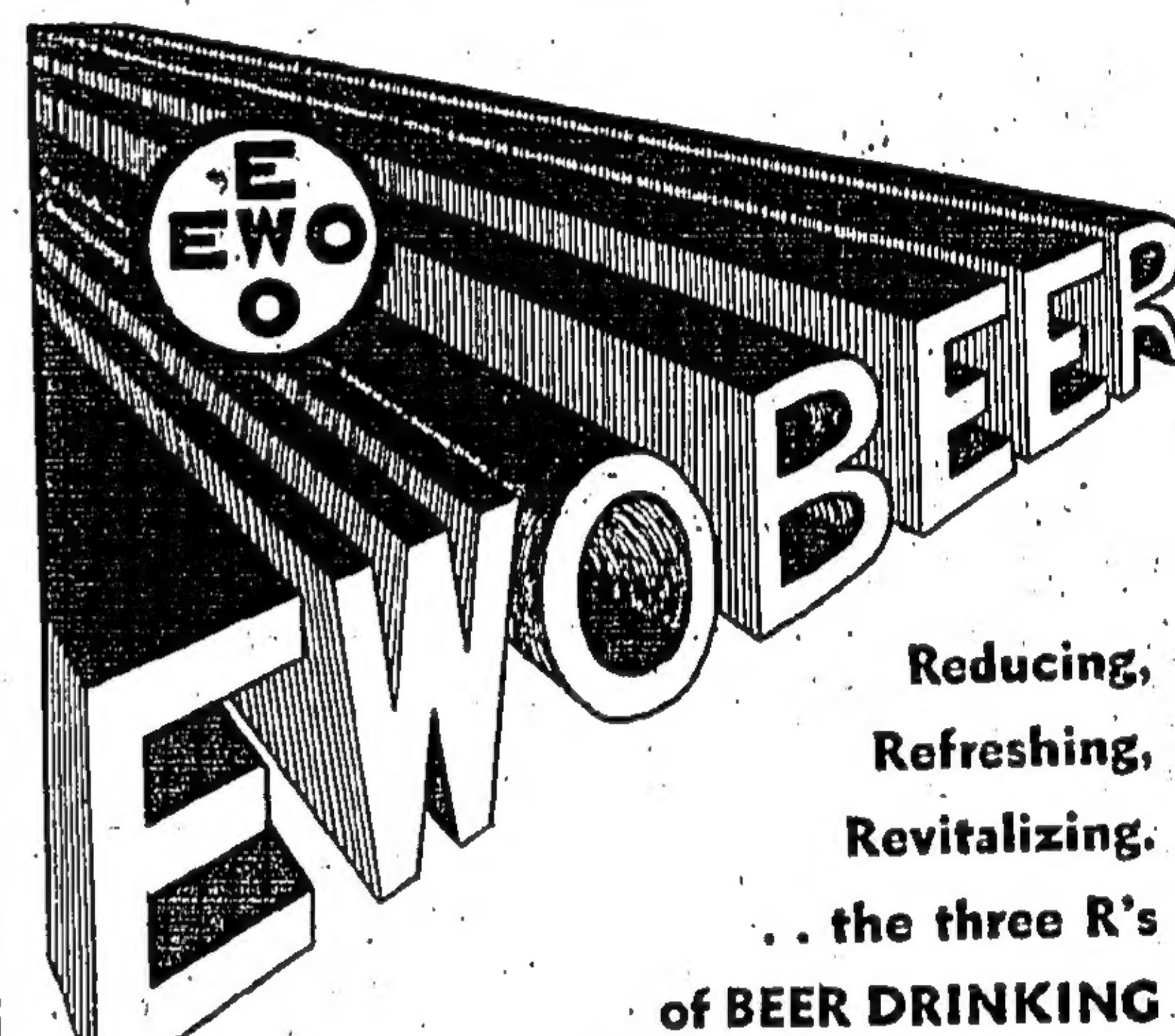
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## Longfellow, the Poet

who never found

fault or complained of his lot

## TO-DAY IN

## HISTORY:

By Claud Golding

NO foreign poet ever got closer to the heart of an Englishman than Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Who is not familiar with "The Village Blacksmith," "Excelsior," "The Wreck of the Hesperus," and "A Psalm of Life," to mention a few of his smaller poems?

Consider, too, what an institution "Hiawatha," to Coleridge-Taylor's music, has become in this country. When the bust of Longfellow was placed in the Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey in 1884 it was a testimony of England's love and respect for this great American poet.

Charles Kingsley once said that Longfellow had the most beautiful human face he had ever seen. He was extremely handsome with his broad forehead, his clear eyes, straight nose and perfect lips and chin.

In later years his long hair was silvery white, matching his long beard.

It would be difficult for a biographer to find anything in the life of Longfellow. The high moral tone of his poems reflects his own ideals and illustrates his character.

Longfellow was always accessible; never too busy to talk to a caller, or write a letter of sympathy to a sufferer. Sometimes children would hang round his garden at Craigie House, once occupied by George Washington, hoping to get a glimpse of the poet.

He would never turn them away, and always assumed that they had come to see Washington's study. Taking them by the hand he would show them where the great General had worked.

He was never known to refuse to write his autograph. So long as he could write he would sign his name for anyone who asked him to do so. Many a young writer was assisted by Longfellow, and even when he was half-demented Edgar Allan Poe was making scurrilous attacks on him, Longfellow was giving enthusiastic lectures on Poe's poetry.

Longfellow was born at Portland, Maine, on February 27, 1807. An ancestor, William Longfellow, had immigrated to Newbury, Massachusetts, from Yorkshire in 1670.

The poet was the son of Stephen Longfellow, a lawyer and United States congressman. He was born in what was little more than a village; hence his poems are coloured with village scenery.

Twenty-five miles away from his home was Brunswick, in a region famous for romantic stories of Indians, nesting among "primeval pines." It was at a college in this town that Longfellow graduated.

Before he had reached the age of 18 he had written poems, and during his college life he wrote several pieces for the United States Library Gazette, a magazine published at Boston. These were printed in a late edition of his works. Among them is the "Burial of the Minutemen," the "Hymn at the Consecration of Pulaski's Banner," "Woods in Winter," and "April Day."

Some of these show qualities never surpassed by Longfellow. After his college life Longfellow spent a period in the law office of his father, but he was soon appointed to a professorship of modern languages at his college, and travelled for some years to perfect himself for his duties.

He visited Spain and Germany, and in 1835 he was chosen successor to Professor Ticknor, professor of modern languages and literature at the university of Cambridge, near Boston.

On receiving this appointment he again visited Europe, and devoted special attention to Scandinavia and Switzerland. During this visit he lost his wife, whom he had married in 1831.

Longfellow soon settled down in Boston, attracted by its cultivated society.

In 1839 he published "Hyperion: a Romance," and his first volume of poetry entitled "Voices of the Night." "Hyperion," which gave a record of his travels, was extremely popular.

Five years later he published a small volume of ballads which included "The Skeleton in Armour," "The Wreck of the Hesperus," "The Village Blacksmith" and "Excelsior."

In the same year he paid his third

In 1843 appeared "The Spanish Student," a play in three acts, and two years later "The Poets and Poetry of Europe."

His greatest work, "Evangeline," was published in 1847. It is the story of a young couple who were separated on the day of their wedding through the removal by the British Government of a colony of French settlers from Acadie (Nova Scotia) in 1755.

The bride is depicted wandering in search of her husband. Finally, she discovers him—an old man on his deathbed in a hospital which she had joined as a nurse.

This poem attained a wide popularity in England.

One of the poems in the collection, "Seaside and the Fireside," contains "Hymn for my Brother's Ordination." His brother, the Rev. Samuel Longfellow, was a pastor of the Unitarian Church.

Longfellow resigned his professorship in 1854, and next year he published his "Song of Hiawatha," and, in 1858, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," dealing with an incident in the early history of the American colony.

In 1861 Longfellow was bereaved by the death of his wife through her dress catching fire, and it was a long time before he recovered from the blow.

It was two years before he published "Tales of a Wayside Inn." "The Children's Hour," one of his Household Poems (1865), illustrates the happiness of his life with his five children, two sons and three daughters.

In his "Book of Sonnets" are five sonnets entitled "Three Friends of Mine," the friends being Cornelius Felton, Louis Agassiz, and Charles Sumner, whom he calls:

"The noble three,  
Who half my life were more than  
friends to me."

The death of Agassiz was a great blow, and when Sumner also died he wrote:

"Thou hast but taken thy lamp  
and gone to bed;  
I stay a little longer, as one stays  
To cover up the embers that still  
burn."

In the last years of his life Longfellow suffered from rheumatism, but was always cheerful though never free from pain.

He still continued to see all visitors, and never refused to help a down-and-out.

He wrote some of his best poems at this period.

At the beginning of 1882 he was confined to his room with frequent periods of dizziness. His recoveries were merely temporary, and on March 19 he was seized with peritonitis and died on the 24th.

He was buried two days later near his three friends in Mount Auburn cemetery.

Longfellow was made an LL.D. of Bowdoin College in 1828, of Harvard in 1859, and of Cambridge (England) in 1868. He was made a D.C.L. of Oxford in 1869, and in 1873 he was elected a member of the Russian Academy of Science.

The poet was never known to find fault with anyone. Even in his old age, when his body was wracked with suffering, his life was "cold and dreary," he never complained.

More than any of his poems, "A Psalm of Life" seems to illustrate his outlook on life:

"Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
'Dust thou art, to dust returnest;  
Was not spoken of the soul."



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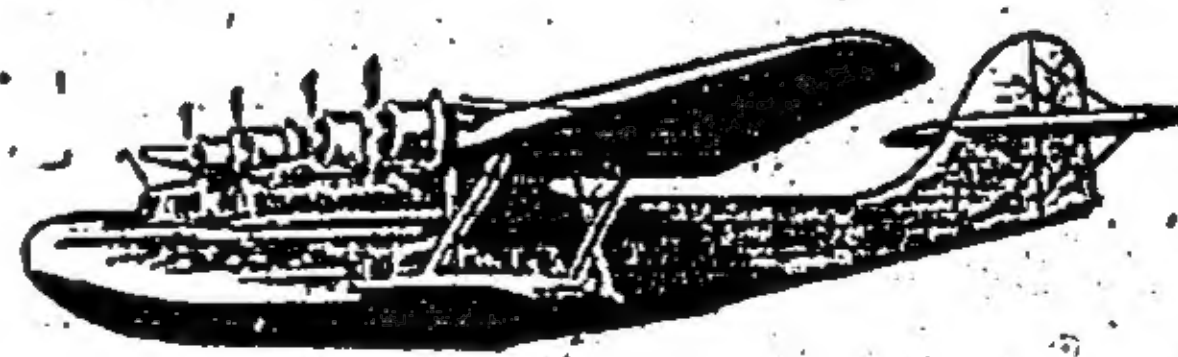
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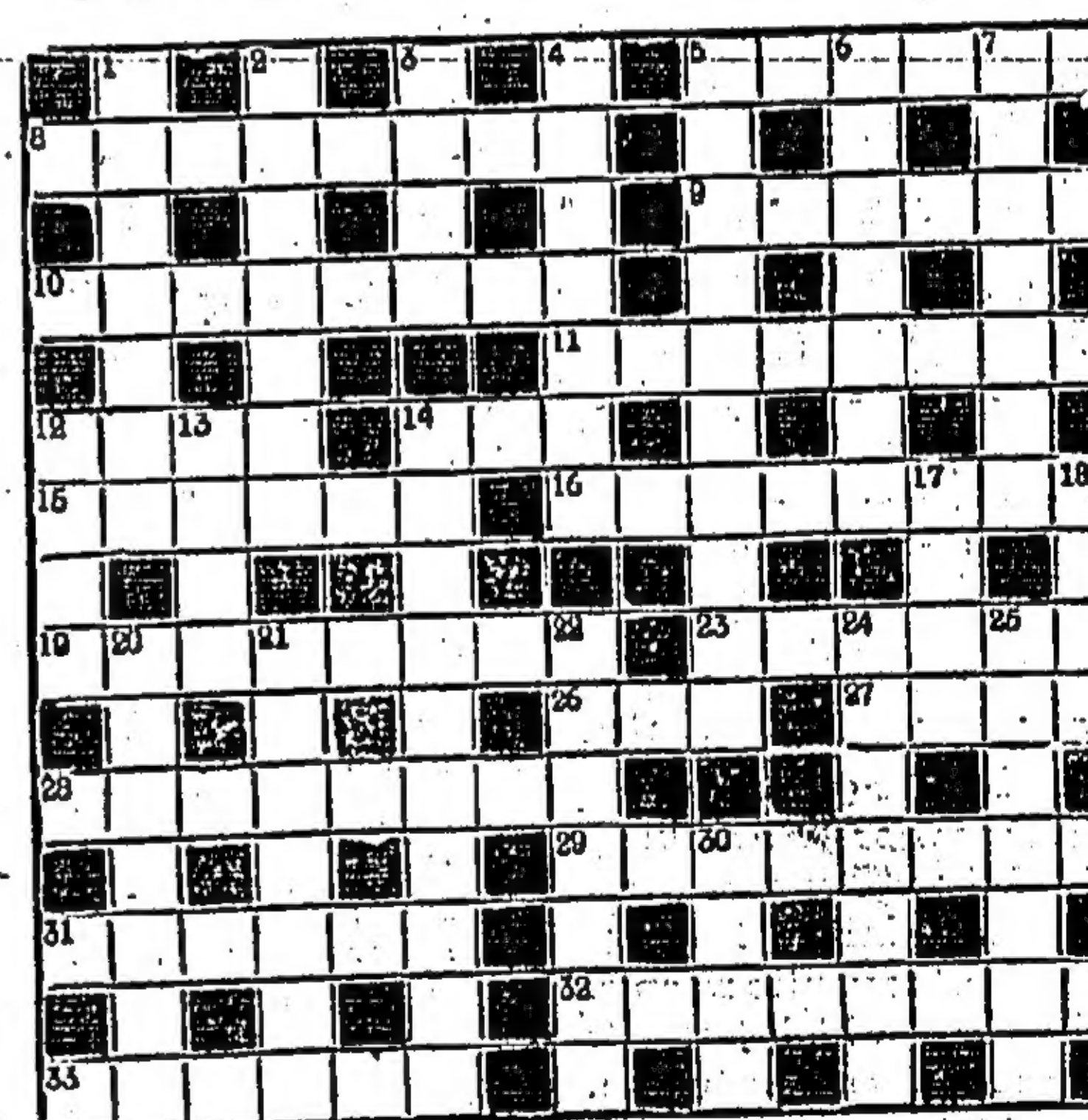
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- This is highly rated with swarms inside.
- Mennace.
- Once his end catches him, he will not easily get his beginning.
- 22 down experiences a change of head here.
- For this some motorists seem nowadays to have a big bee in the bonnet.
- Not to let, and is all included.
- Epithet for past events only.
- Choice.
- Depend about small matter in distant fashion.
- Expiration of violent tendency.

## DOWN

- A stronghold.
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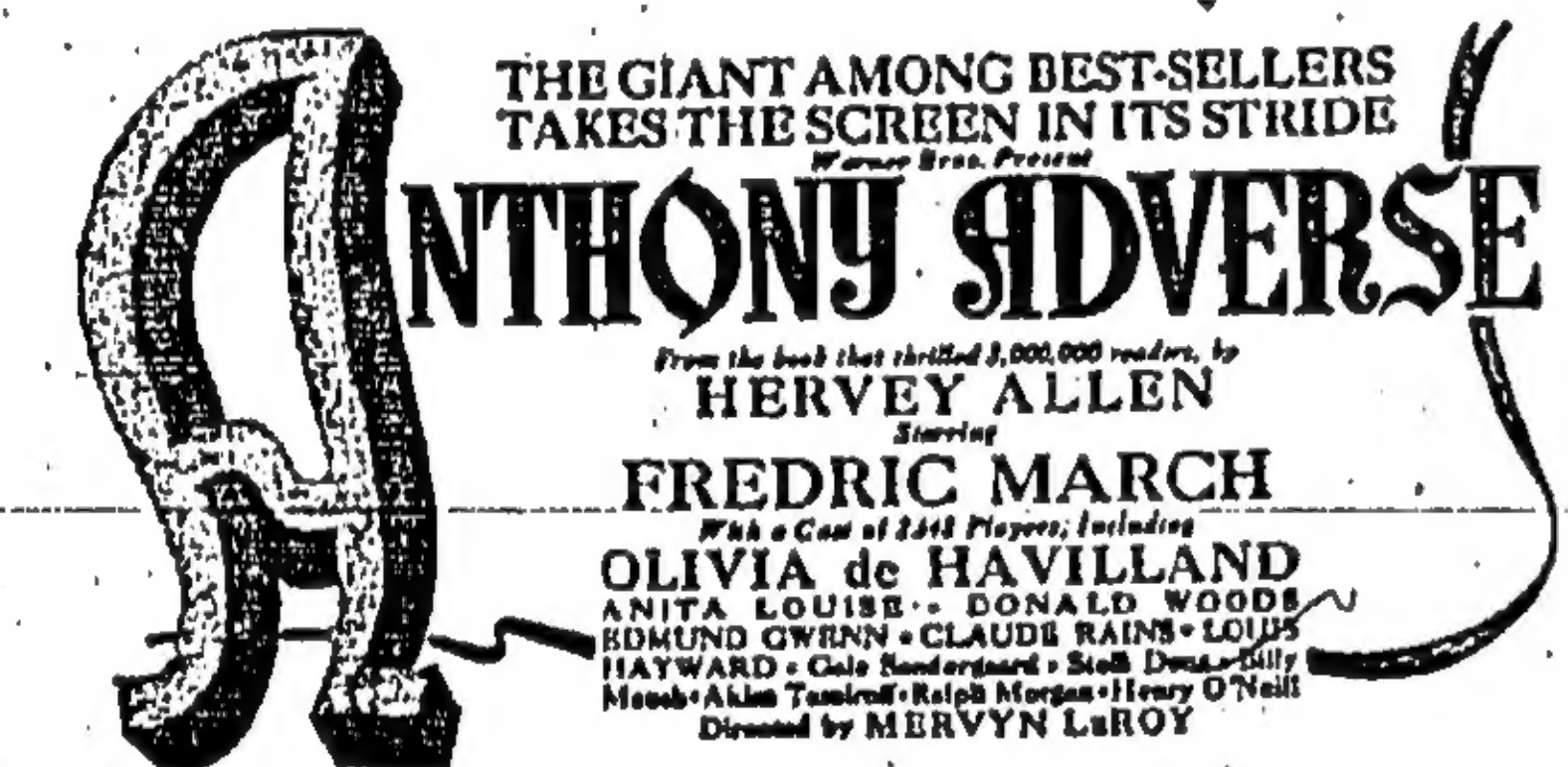
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Father And Priest Who Knew

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At the previous hearing, the father, Michael Davis, said that he did not tell a doctor how or where he found his son, and did not inform the Coroner's officer because he did not want the matter to be made public. He told the priest and other members of the family.

The Coroner pointed out that had it not been for the pathologist, no one might have known what had happened.

Dr. Jack Coleman, of Charlton, said that the father told him that his son had had a heart attack, that he had had influenza and had collapsed. He did not see any outward sign of injury and had no reason to think that he had been found hanging.

### PRIEST'S STATEMENT

The Rev. Francis H. Bayliss, of St. Peter's, New-road, Woolwich, who gave the last rites, was asked by the Coroner, "Were you told he had been found hanging?"

Father Bayliss—I am not quite sure. A statement was made in my presence, and it is a thing which in those circumstances I would not take much account of because I should feel that a statement would not be made in my presence were not a priest. At that time I was claiming privilege which I do not claim now. I say that to explain the divergence.

He added that the father told him that his son had tried to hang himself, but did not say he found him hanging.

The Coroner—Did you feel that the less knowledge you had of it the better?—I felt it was a matter that did not concern me. I was there for one purpose alone, and thought of no other.

But you could see it was a matter that would have to come before the police and the Coroner?—I may have seen that, but I would not take any notice because it was completely out of my province.

The Coroner—No, it is not out of your province. If you learned, as a priest, that a person has died a violent death, it is your common law duty.

Father Bayliss—It depends on the circumstances in which the information comes. Things were said in my presence which would not have been said had I not been a priest.

The Coroner—That is no excuse. You knew the man died a violent death, and yet you kept that knowledge to yourself?

If it had been a case of *felo de se*, added the Coroner, the father, certain members of the family, and the priest might have been accessories to a felony.



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## Escaped Devil's Isle, Then Blundered

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Particularly they cursed the hot dark night of January 5 at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

On that night the convict island, from which they had escaped after days of torture by hunger and thirst, lay 700 miles behind them. They crept down to the Port of Spain waterside to stowaway in a boat that would take them to freedom.

Two boats lay side by side in the harbour. They were the Liverpool steamers *Patrician* (5,742 tons) and *Wanderer* (5,677 tons), both owned by the *Charter Line*. Ships alike in line and build, both would sail away from Trinidad next morning—the *Patrician* for London and the *Wanderer* for Brazil.

### Aimed At Brazil

"Mutt" and "Jeff" lowered themselves into a boat, rowed stealthily across the darkness of the harbour. "To-morrow," they whispered, "we'll be bound for Brazil"—a country that is open to Devil's Island fugitives.

As they whispered they saw a steamer in silhouette before them. They climbed a rope ladder, swung themselves on to the deck, hid beneath the tarpaulin lifeboat covers.

Not until two days later, when they were discovered, did they learn that in the darkness they had blundered had mistaken the *Fatelman* for the *Wanderer*, and were bound not for Brazil, but England. Then they wept.

The fugitives will be lodged in the *Allens'* Department at Commercial-street Police Station until Home Office instructions regarding their fate are received.

## 51 Tongues At Adventist Conference In 'Spore

DELEGATES MEET IN MALAYA

DELEGATES from Sarawak, British North Borneo, Federated Malay States, Siam and Indo-China, speaking fifty-one different languages, attended the Fifth Biennial Session of the Malayan Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists which closed on Saturday.

The one hundred and fifty delegates to the conference included all classes of employees of the mission—ministers, teachers, nurses, and doctors. The denominations of national and foreign workers were alike represented at the eight day meeting.

Dr. L. L. Harrop, acting Medical Superintendent of the Penang Sanatorium, flew down from Penang, Thursday afternoon and returned by plane early Sunday morning. Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Wadell, who recently arrived for medical-missionary work in Bangkok, were in attendance throughout the entire session.

On Saturday, the closing day of the conference, a national worker from Borneo, Mr. T. Sibidogil, was ordained to the gospel ministry. On both Saturdays, the meetings were held in the Victoria Memorial Hall, the other sessions being held in the Chapel of the Malayan Union Seminary on Upper Serangoon Road.

Pastor A. W. Cornsack, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Mission of the Seventh-day Adventists from Washington, D.C., was present for the greater part of the session.

During the conference reports were given by the various mission directors, of particular interest were the reports of the Adventist activities among the Telugus of the Federated Malay States and among the Dusuns and Dyaks of Borneo and Sarawak.

## Screen's First "Queen Victoria"

—ANNA NEAGLE

By CONNERY CHAPPELL

ANNA NEAGLE is to play the first screen Queen Victoria. She has been selected to star in "Victoria the Great," Mr. Herbert Wilcox's film, the production of which was announced after the Lord Charnbain recently lifted his ban on films dealing with this subject.

Mr. Wilcox said: "I have been besieged by requests that there should be a British actress to play Queen Victoria. Official quarters have also urged the necessity for such a choice."

PLAY POSTPONED  
"In consequence I have postponed until next autumn the production of the stage play in which Miss Neagle was to have appeared in New York this winter. She was to have played Nell Gwynne in the theatre production based on her recent film."

The film will deal with the personal love story of Victoria and Albert. It will show the Queen as a high-spirited girl who on one occasion finished an evening's standing with a Highland fling.

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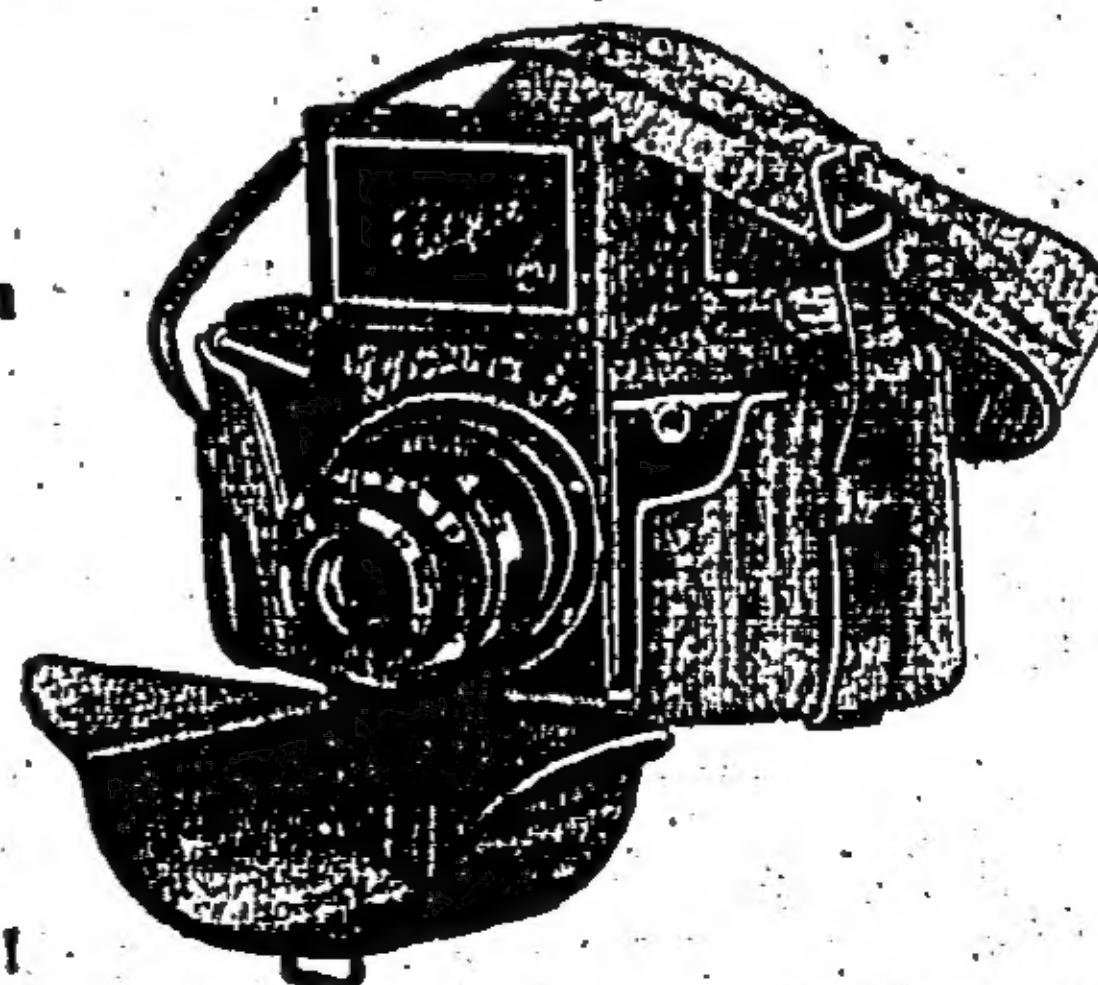
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